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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Respect Forfeited

CHINA'S formal rejection of the Indian truce plan for Korea which has been cabled to the President of the United Nations General Assembly is the final sign that the Peking Government has bowed to the dictates of Soviet Russia. At the same time selling outright her title to independence of thought and action. But Peking's decision is something more than turning down proposals conceived by India: the Chinese Communists are also disregarding the combined views of 45 members of the United Nations Organisation, who, after long and careful study of the Indian plan, and applying to it revisions which it was believed would meet certain Chinese objections, expressed the conviction that the proposals could and should be accepted honourably by both sides. The votes of those 45 members of the United Nations represent a mass world opinion, which sincerely desires an end to hostilities in Korea. In ignoring this fact, the Chinese Communists are denying realities, and also giving the lie direct to their oft-repeated claim that they are solely concerned with peace. The rejection of the United Nations Assembly resolution on the Indian truce plan is the gravest step the Peking Government has taken since it entered, without cause or justification, the Korean war. It flaunts world opinion merely for political expediency, and so long as the attitude is maintained, it slams tightly shut the door to any further negotiations aimed at ending the Korean conflict. Russia's arguments before UN against the Indian proposals have been thoroughly discredited, and the Peking Government, by aligning itself with the Soviets, in the face of majority opinion, also becomes discredited. The leaders of Communist China have forfeited the respect of the free world by their rejection of honourable truce proposals.

Hunger In Asia

STRANGELY little notice has been given to the economic survey of 1951 by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. It contains alarming facts whose consequences may be felt outside the area covered by the commission. The essential ones are these: In the thirteen years between 1938 and 1951 the population of Asia increased by 10 per cent. In the same period the average food output of farmers in Asia has fallen. How serious this may be is shown by the fact that already before the war the average farmer in Asia produced only about half the food which was produced elsewhere. In the last two years there has been a slight improvement, but the commission warns that it cannot be expected that improvement will continue. The advance was brought about by better use of existing resources, and what is needed is new resources. The commission has almost no comfort to offer, and is more pessimistic than some of the individual experts who have studied the area. "Millions of people in the countries of Asia and the Far East stand dangerously near the border-line between hunger and famine." About half the population of the world lives in the area, but it contains only one-third of the world's cultivated land. If this part of the world continues indefinitely to have so much less to eat than the other half, it may not be very hard to guess how some political boundaries may ultimately be drawn.

Royal Commission To Probe Conditions In East Africa

Kenya's New Emergency Regulations

Nairobi, Dec. 16. New emergency powers to seize land or buildings in the interest of public safety were today put into the hands of the provincial commissioners of Kenya.

Kenya has five provinces and one extra provincial district covering the territory of the Masai tribes.

The official Gazette said the regulations were also designed to ensure the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

A state of emergency was declared in the colony on October 20. A party of Kikuyu armed with short swords attacked police who surprised them in a dawn raid in the Thomson Falls area today.

One Kikuyu was shot in the leg and four others were arrested. In a raid 30 miles north of Nakuru, police arrested 76 Africans after surprising a Mau Mau oath-taking ceremony. Yesterday afternoon police surrounded an African location at Nanyuki and detained 20 people on minor charges.

At Fort Hall, three Kikuyu were sentenced to ten years' hard labour and 24 cuts with the cane for assault and compelling the taking of the Mau Mau oath. Seven others were sentenced to seven years' hard labour for compelling Mau Mau oath taking.

The arrest was reported today of another Kikuyu in connection with the murder of Commander I. H. Melkijohn a month ago. Mombasa's first Mau Mau trial ended today when prison sentences ranging from one to six years were passed on 10 Kikuyu, two of them women. This was the first Mau Mau case in the coast area of Kenya, which is over 300 miles from the main trouble spots.—Reuter.

Operations Suspended

Manila, Dec. 17. Operations to clear a flooded gold mine shaft, where 65 miners perished when a river crashed through its walls were suspended last night. (Tuesday).

Roscoe Cannon, superintendent of the United Paracale Mine in Southeast Luzon, wired the agents here: "It is impossible to recover any bodies. You have the whole river and the sea in there." The victims were working 400 feet below the earth's surface on Monday when a wall of water from the adjoining Paracale River smashed through the shaft walls. It collapsed the workers under a mass of rocks, mud and slime. The casualty toll was reduced by one following the reappearance of a miner earlier reported missing. He had failed to report for work.—Associated Press.

Siamese Twins Separated By Surgical Operation

Cleveland, Dec. 16. Siamese girl twins have been separated by surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital here, it was disclosed on Tuesday. They are in fine condition in a pair of incubators.

Doctors said no vital organs were involved in the band which joined them.

The twins arrived on Sunday and surgery was performed three hours later.

The mother is doing well and one doctor said the twins are "feeding and performing normally."

MR LYTTTELTON ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

London, Dec. 16.

The British Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, tonight named a young Tanganyika Chief among five men, who will study how to improve the East Africans' lot.

He announced appointments to the Royal Commission which was to visit East Africa in a House of Commons speech defending his handling of the Mau Mau terror in Kenya against Labour attacks.

The African member of the Commission will be Chief Kidaha Makwir, former Oxford student, who last year became the first African ever to serve on the Tanganyika Executive Council, the territory's highest constitutional authority under the British Governor.

The four other Commission members named to-night were: Sir Frank Sykes, agricultural expert, Mr Arthur Gaitskell, brother of the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer and an expert on plantation industry, Mr Rowland Skeffington Hudson, former Secretary for Native Affairs in Northern Rhodesia, and Professor G. T. Jack of Durham University, a specialist in industrial relations.

The Chairman of the Commission is Sir Hugh Dow, who has a long experience of the Indian Civil Service.

Mr Lyttelton said he was still seeking other members. The Commission's task will be to investigate measures to improve East Africans' living standards in view of the congestion of population in some places.

Mr James Griffiths, former Colonial Secretary, moved the Labour Party motion which affirmed support for lawful action to suppress the Mau Mau, but expressed "concern about collective punishment methods." Every step must be taken to prevent the struggle becoming an even appearing to become a struggle between white and black, he said.

Mr Griffiths urged that leaders of all races in Kenya come together in a roundtable conference.

Mr Lyttelton moved an amendment to delete the critical passages from the Labour motion and substitute: "The Government of Kenya should continue to promote the social, political and economic progress of the territory."

MERCIFUL STEP He abhorred collective punishment but it was often a merciful step because it saved many innocent people from terrorist attack.

Sir Evelyn Baring, Governor of Kenya, addressing a Press conference after his consultation with Mr Oliver Lyttelton over the Mau Mau threat in Kenya, said: "Let me make it clear that the trouble area is far from being the whole of Kenya."

He added: "It is in fact three Kikuyu reserves and the European farming areas where Kikuyu provide most of the agricultural labour." "Mau Mau has affected one tribe and one tribe only. But that tribe is the most numerous of all in Kenya—about one-fifth of the total African population and the Kikuyu live in the centre of the country close to the city of Nairobi."

Sir Evelyn said his tour of Kenya confirmed his view that "Mau Mau is primarily a revolutionary movement with the political aim of dispossessing the white settlers."

They have been anxious to make sure the trial was a trial and did not become a political demonstration. Where they have refused to allow entry it has usually been that the lawyers have not been properly briefed.

Sir Evelyn said he had had talks with General Sir Gerald Templer, British High Commissioner in Malaya, who has also been in London for consultation with the British Government.

"Perhaps, we spent most time on what you might call the curative side of a very difficult situation in a country where there had a campaign of terrorism."

Europe Has A Spell Of Bad Weather

London, Dec. 16. Snowstorms and rain, which have swept Europe for two days, have taken toll of life and property in many countries.

Mr A. Guy, aged 59, slipped in the courtyard of his home during the height of a storm at St. Germain. No one heard his cries because of the high winds. He died in hospital today.

In Bordeaux, floods forced two families from their homes.

In Corsica all telephones were out of action. In southern and central Italy three people have died, several have been injured in collapsing houses and many have been forced to flee from their homes after a day of heavy rainstorms.—Reuter.

Progress In Oil Talks

New Approach To Mossadegh Likely

Paris, Dec. 16. Anglo-American discussions here on the Persian oil deadlock have made progress and may lead to a new approach to the Persian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammad Mossadegh, an authoritative British source said here tonight.

The talks have centred on finding a solution within the framework of the Churchill-Truman appeal last August to the Persian Prime Minister, possibly by marketing Persian oil through companies other than the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The talks here, opened by the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, who are in Paris for the North Atlantic Council meeting, have been continued by American and British Government officials.

A British Foreign Office spokesman in London denied reports that creation of an international corporation to ship and market Persian oil had been envisaged in the current talks.

The spokesman said: "The recent exchanges between the American and British Governments have not contemplated any such measure. It would be a radical departure from the joint Anglo-American proposals to Prime Minister Mossadegh last August."

"On the contrary, the talks have been concerned with elaborating details of arrangements on the basis of these proposals."—Reuter.

Car Sprayed By Bullets

Tunis, Dec. 16.

A civilian car was hit today by a volley of gun fire on a highway 30 miles from Gabes, it was reported here today.

The passengers, however, escaped injury after four bullets had pierced the back of the car. It was also reported here that several shots were fired at another car, driven by a French resident in Cap Bon region last night. The car was not hit.—France Press.

Protest Repeated

Washington, Dec. 16.

The United States sent a second note of protest to Russia today against the shooting down of an unarmed American Force plane by Soviet fighters off the Japanese coast on October 7. A radio screen showed that Soviet fighters shot the plane down only six miles from the coast, the American note said. Eight crew members were presumed dead.—Reuter.

Govt. Pays Tribute To Duchess Of Kent

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Dec. 16.

The Duchess of Kent was guest of honour at a luncheon given at Mansion House today by the Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, to welcome her back from her tour of Southeast Asia.

Hundreds of City workers lined the roads leading to Mansion House to cheer the Duchess and the other guests as they arrived, and a detachment from the Royal West Kent Regiment formed a guard of honour outside Mansion House.

Among the many distinguished guests who attended the luncheon were Mr and Mrs Winston Churchill, members of the Government, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Rupert de la Bere, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Commonwealth High Commissioners, the Sultan and Sultanah of Johore and Mr Clement Attlee, Leader of the Opposition.

Speeches by the Duchess and Mr Lyttelton were broadcast by the BBC and filmed by newsreel cameramen.

NATION'S GRATITUDE

Mr Lyttelton said he spoke for every man, woman, and child in the country in welcoming the Duchess home and expressing the nation's gratitude for the way in which she had carried out her arduous duties. "I thought myself when I saw the programme which she undertook and fulfilled that we and the territories were making too great a call upon her strength and her health," he said.

Mr Lyttelton continued amid applause: "Our relief that this proved to be wrong is matched only by our gratitude for the enthusiasm and energy and serenity which she showed in carrying it out. I hope she will forgive me if I say that when I had the honour of meeting her at the airport she had more the appearance of one who has had a rest than of someone who had undertaken perhaps the most exhausting tour that could be devised in so short a time."

"We are glad that the Duke of Kent has had an opportunity early in life to visit these fascinating, beautiful and important British territories in Southeast Asia, and we are grateful for his keen interest in all he saw and did there."

The people of all British Colonies were united in their loyalty and devotion to the Crown. In Malaya and Singapore, in all the four West African territories, in Uganda and in Kenya, Mr Lyttelton said, in the humblest dwellings he had seen pictures of the Royal Family and heard on every occasion from chiefs and headmen, from Legislative and Executive councils, from rulers and ministers, expressions of their warm loyalty in terms and in tones which left no doubt of their whole-hearted sincerity.

SPONTANEOUS

"When the Duchess visited Singapore and the Federation, and Hongkong and Borneo, there was a spontaneous manifestation of these feelings and the streets were thronged with a cheering population."

Referring to the Duchess' visit to the Royal West Kent Regiment, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief, Mr Lyttelton said: "The British soldier in Malaya, and the national serviceman not least among them, have shown what I think to be the undying qualities of our race—bravery in the face of danger, humour in the face of discomfort and at all times humanity to the population among whom their lot is cast."

In her visit to her regiment the Duchess gave those men who are carrying out their grim task another reason to be proud of their country and to be happy in serving it."

Mr Lyttelton paid tribute to the Duchess' "boundless energy and charm and understanding" which she displayed throughout her tour. These qualities, he said, are the qualities of a true leader. (Contd. on back page, col. 3)

Rescued By Helicopter



A Royal Navy helicopter rescued four men of the crew of a Danish torpedo boat, the Havormot, which went aground on Selsey Sandbanks, three miles off Great Yarmouth, recently. The men were taken off two at a time by the helicopter. Nine more of the crew had been taken off by the Calster lifeboat. This picture shows how air/sea rescue is affected with the use of helicopters.—London Express.

Man Given Driver's Test To Operate Lawnmower

London, Dec. 16.

A government spokesman admitted in the House of Commons today that a conscientious Briton was given a driving test and a licence for a hand-operated lawnmower. But, said Conservative Joseph Brathwaite of the Transport Ministry, the whole incident was the result of "Socialist bureaucracy" created by the former Labour government.

Labourite Norman Dodds had asked why a Mr Frank Wasse of Gainsborough was given a motorist's driving test for a hand-operated lawnmower and why he had to display a learner's "L" plate on the mower until he passed the test.

Mr Brathwaite explained that Mr Wasse apparently thought he needed the licence, to operate his lawnmower along the grass roadside in front of his house and so applied for a test.

On October 31, examiner Frederick Alnsworth drove over to Wasse's place from Lincoln, 20 miles away, and gave the test. Wasse first answered questions on the Highway Code and then cut two patches of grass, each 18 feet by two feet.

Alnsworth thought Wasse's performance earned him a learner's licence—a big red "L" plate which has to be displayed until the driver's test is finally passed.

After a burst of loud laughter from both sides of the House, Mr Brathwaite said it wasn't possible to calculate the cost of Wasse's test, but he was sure it wasn't very much.

After more loud laughter, Dodds asked Brathwaite what action he proposed to take "to see that society is rid of such antics."

"Mr Brathwaite admitted that the examiner should have abandoned the test forthwith when he discovered that Wasse had only a small lawnmower."

"The whole incident," he said, "is the result of six years of Socialist bureaucracy."—Associated Press.

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Warning By Expert Of Growing Food Shortage In World

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 16.
The world food supply picture is not only darker than it was before World War II but is gradually worsening as population gains out-run production increases, a top Agriculture Department official reported today.

Mr John Haggerty, Director of the Department's Office of Foreign Agriculture Relations, said that the situation is even more acute in some food deficit areas because of the lack of sufficient purchasing power to buy food from the world's surplus areas.

He discussed the basic economic disequilibrium which, he said, is tending to grow in the world.

Mr Haggerty said that as a whole African continent food production has increased 18

per cent from pre-war levels while the population has jumped up 20 per cent.

In the Far East, he said, production has gone up one per cent while the population shows a 13 per cent gain over pre-war figures.

In contrast, he added, farm output in the United States has gone up 40 per cent while population gains show a 20 per cent rise.

Mr Haggerty said that the inability of deficit areas to buy badly-needed surpluses available in the Western Hemisphere and aroused world consciousness of hunger combine to present the United States with economic and political problems of the most compelling significance.

Point Four programmes of technical assistance had brought a perceptible trend toward progressive agricultural policies in such countries as India, Pakistan and Iran.

"But the battle against hunger, economic insecurity and political unrest throughout the world is by no means won," he said.—United Press.

B.E.M. FOR PRISON OFFICER

London, Dec. 16.
A Malayan Prison Officer, who saved the life of a Superintendent when he was attacked by a prisoner with an axe, has been awarded the British Empire Medal, the London Gazette announced tonight.

The man is 42-year-old Che Man Bin Ibrahim who has been 19 years in the prison service. The citation said that when Major W. H. Webb, Superintendent of Prisons, Kuala Lumpur, was savagely attacked by a prisoner armed with an axe and severely injured, Che Man, though unarmed, grappled with the prisoner preventing him from striking again.

The citation added: "Many prisoners saw the attack, but made no attempt to prevent it or to assist Che Man."

"Che Man disregarded his own personal safety and by his prompt action saved the life of the Superintendent."—Reuter.

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PURGE OF U.N. EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE: LIE

United Nations, Dec. 16.
The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, served notice today that he would continue his house-cleaning of Communist suspects, but that no government had the right to order him to dismiss anyone.

A controversy has been brewing here concerning Mr Lie's dismissal policies.

The controversy grew when he announced acceptance of the special jurists' report that recommended dismissal of all American Communists, anyone refusing to testify about alleged Red activities, and anyone Mr Lie believed is engaged in activities deemed subversive by the United States.

One nation after another, including France, Britain, Canada and other close allies of the United States, expressed concern today about the problem.

It was agreed, without the formality of a vote, to put off a full debate as the prelude to possible Assembly action until the second half of the session.

Mr Lie, meanwhile, answered varying degrees of criticism with an impassioned declaration of independence, making these points:

FINAL DECISION
1. No one is to tell him whom to hire or dismiss. Any government can supply information about employees it objects to, but he makes the final decision after careful study.
In effect, this was a strong restatement of his refusal to dismiss 14 Americans listed as undesirable by the United States State Department unless he obtains concrete facts to back up these "adverse comments".

Nineteen other employees, all involved in the Senate sub-committee hearings on Communist activities at the United Nations, have been dismissed.

2. He need not seek the Assembly's guidance on dismissal policies because he already has such guidance.

"If I act outside the United Nations Charter, my staff regulations, it is for the administrative tribunal to say so," United Press.

Issue Of Mandated Territory

United Nations, Dec. 16.
The United States, Brazil and El Salvador moved today that discussion on the thorny problem of South-West Africa be postponed until the 1953 session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

A resolution to that effect is to be placed this afternoon before the Assembly's Trusteeship Committee.

The special Ad Hoc Committee negotiating with South Africa over the fate of the former German colony reported failure last month and the approaching end of the 1952 session of the Assembly was another reason for the proposed postponement which seemed certain to gain approval.

The United Nations wants South Africa to turn the controversial territory over to its trusteeship system. South Africa, which has administered South-West Africa since the Versailles Treaty as a League of Nations mandate, is unwilling to do so but is prepared to sign an administrative agreement with Britain, France and the United States as the principal allies of World War I.—United Press.

REFUGEES FROM RED CHINA

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 16.
Nine Jewish immigrants including one child, arrived today from Communist China—the first group to reach Israel from that area in two years.

They travelled by rail, ship and plane for 34 days. On the way a 72-year-old woman with the group died.—Associated Press.

Army Camp Scandal

Ottawa, Dec. 16.
Horses were listed as soldiers on a Canadian army payroll and Government-owned railway lines were ripped up to cover looting, a report of irregularities at Petawawa Camp disclosed today.

A 15,000-word report, prepared after seven months of investigation following a series of thefts at the camp, found there had been a general breakdown in control over a branch of the army and a serious collapse in security in that branch.

The report, tabled in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, Mr St. Laurent, is expected to provoke no political argument. It made 40 recommendations for new supervisory arrangements, strengthening of the Provost Corps and a general tightening of security.—Reuter.

WANT CUTS IN N.A.T.O. SPENDING

Paris, Dec. 16.
Several Atlantic Pact Nations are seeking drastic cuts in a proposed \$150 million programme, on airfields, port and other military installations in 1953.

This was the sum recommended by the military authorities.

The NATO members opposing the proposed expenditure—including Britain, France, Holland and Denmark—maintain that the same programme of 24 new airfields for Western Europe and the port facilities can be provided at less cost.

A final figure of about \$112-500,000 is expected to be approved, which will mean a more austere building programme, dispensing with elaborate installations such as concrete control towers.

A committee of Finance and Defence Ministers have been busy since yesterday trying to work out a programme that could be accepted.—Reuter.

Thailand Seals Burma Frontier

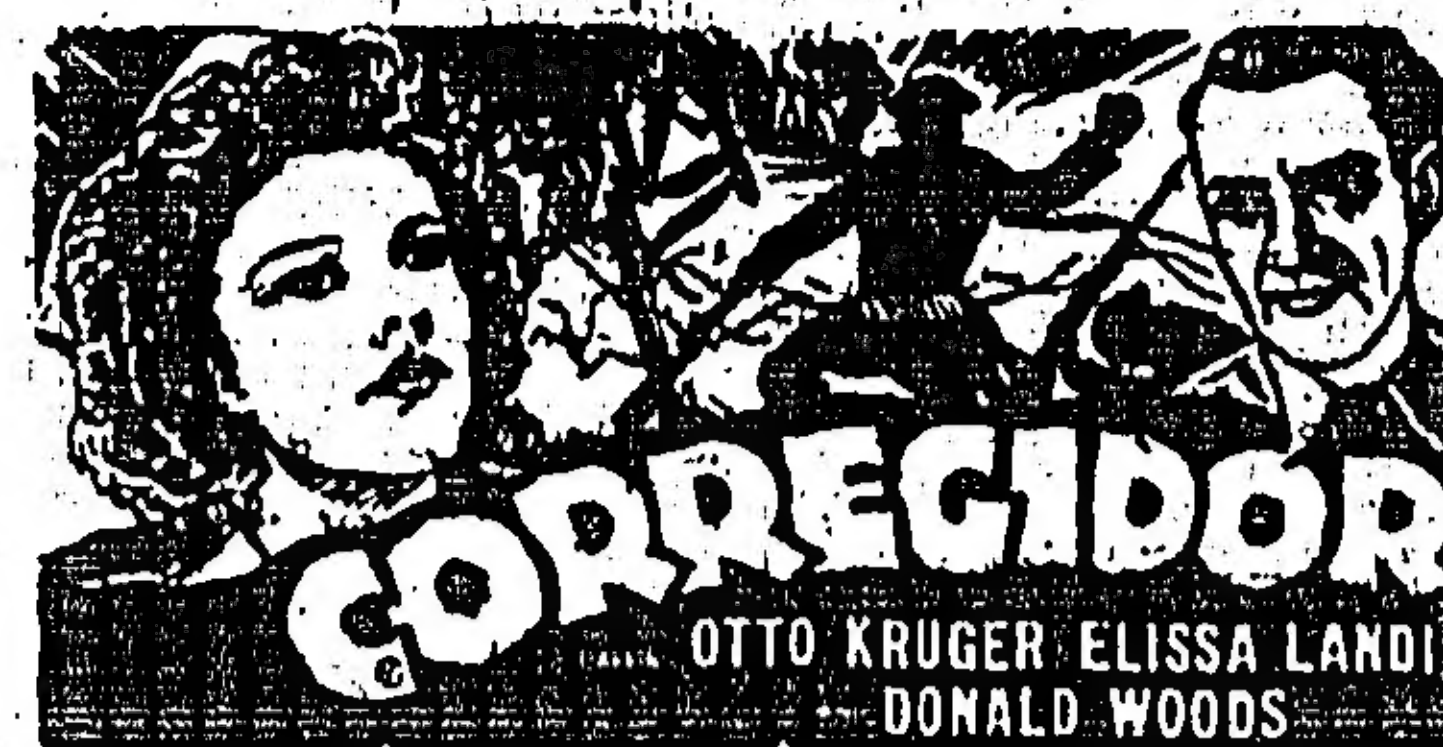
Bangkok, Dec. 16.
The Thai Government today ordered the Thailand-Burma border closed to prevent the fleeing from this country of suspects wanted in connection with a Communist plot to overthrow the Phibun Sengirum Government.

The order followed finding in the border province of Kanchanaburi of three motor cars believed to have been abandoned by suspects sought by police.

So far about 250 suspects have been taken into custody in the round-up, but all excepting 30 were released. The police informed the courts they were preparing charges of treasonous acts against the suspects. Some will be charged under Thailand's anti-Communist Act.—Associated Press.

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Opposition To Bonn Treaties

Lucbeck, Dec. 16. Copies of the 1945 Potsdam agreement and of the proposed German-Alied peace contract were burned at Lucbeck today in a torch-light demonstration of the extreme right wing German Bloc.

About 100 followers of the nationalist movement gathered around bonfires in defiance of a police ban on demonstrations.

Karl Meisner, chairman of the Bloc, told a Lucbeck meeting last night that neither the Bonn Government nor the leaders of the Soviet Zone could sign treaties with foreign countries because they could not speak for all the German people. — Associated Press.

Gottwald Attacks Zionism

London, Dec. 16. The President of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Clement Gottwald, said today that the "Slavskys" remained unshaken for so long "because they had collaborated everywhere, especially in the Ministry of Internal Security."

Prague radio tonight broadcast a speech by the President to the Czech Communist Party Congress in Prague in which he disclosed the case of Rudolf Slavsky, whose trial last month was given wide publicity.

Slavsky and 13 other Czech officials pleaded guilty to treason, spying, sabotage and other charges.

Slavsky and 10 others were executed, and three were sentenced to life imprisonment. Seven of the accused, including Mr. Slavsky, were said to be of Jewish origin.

The President said the "gang" had escaped notice because there had not been "consistent everyday control of the activity of every Communist in Czechoslovakia."

"Too much attention was paid to what they spoke and too little to what they did," the President said.

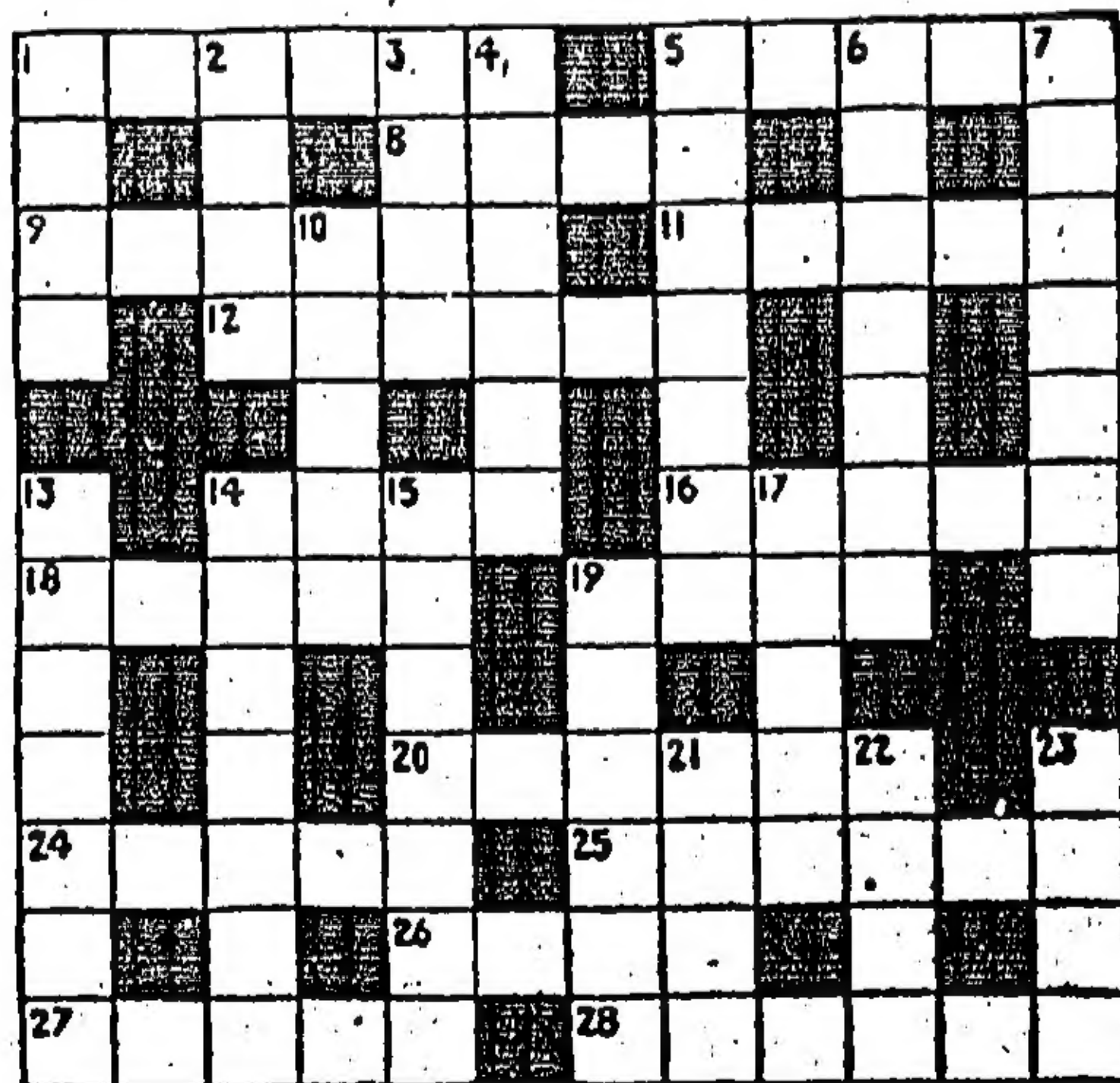
In spite of its collaborators, the gang had been unmasked "comparatively quickly" after the first arrests in 1949.

Mr. Gottwald said the case had uncovered "a channel" through which Jews infiltrated into the party, and added: "That channel is Zionism."

Rome, Dec. 16. Farouk and Nouriman, ex-servants of Egypt, were in a car accident last night but did not get hurt.

The car in which they were riding collided with another on a Rome street. The cars were slightly damaged. — Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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DOWN

- 1 Glistens (6).
- 5 Correspond (5).
- 8 Unite closely (4).
- 9 Forced open (5).
- 11 Mercenary (5).
- 12 Difficult (4).
- 14 Galle (4).
- 16 Aroma (5).
- 18 Put out of countenance (5).
- 19 Principal (4).
- 20 Stateroom (5).
- 24 Fascination (5).
- 25 Spin (4).
- 26 Ireland (4).
- 27 Glutted (5).
- 28 Protect (4).

- 1 Weakens (4).
- 2 Part of the eye (4).
- 3 Pitcher (4).
- 4 Sober (6).
- 6 Unfavorable (7).
- 7 Reproached (7).
- 9 Envoys (7).
- 10 Wound-marks (5).
- 13 Items of luggage (7).
- 14 Sincere (7).
- 16 Bombarded (7).
- 17 Aspirant for a commission (5).
- 19 Headful (6).
- 21 Finished (4).
- 22 Completely destroy (4).
- 23 Remit (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Crave, 4 Snacks, 8 Abates, 10 Arena, 12 Treated, 14 Treble, 17 Aide, 18 Evicted, 20 Produce, 22 Bend, 23 Trustee, 27 Senses, 29 Seem, 30 Dances, 31 Dred, 32 Edge Down—1 Craft, 2 Aware, 3 Exact, 6 Nook, 8 Credit, 7 Seared, 9 Sights, 11 Routs, 13 Severed, 15 Rare, 16 Sudden, 18 Darts, 20 Fried, 21 Onset, 24 Unlaid, 25 Thrive, 26 Senses, 28 Jews.

Queen's Route In Replica



A model of the entire route to be taken by the Queen between Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey on her Coronation procession, complete in every detail, is being made by Ministry of Works members. The model, to a scale of 1/10, includes replicas of every building on the route and of the official stands which are to be erected. — Central Press Photo.

Christmas Fare For The Troops

Seoul, Dec. 17. British Commonwealth troops in Korea will all eat a Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding. But not all of them will get it on Christmas Day.

If they are holding United Nations front-line trenches, winding through the bushy Korean hills, they will have to stay there keeping a watchful eye on the Chinese Communists until they are relieved.

But then they will be able to retire to their battalion rear areas, get warm and clean and celebrate in safety.

Scots of the 1st Battalion Black Watch may choose to save their extra rations for a big Hogmanay feast on New Year's day.

Besides stocking up with food and cigarettes for Christmas, the NAAFI canteen service here has shipped out supplies of beer brewed and bottled in Britain to add to the normal ration Japanese light ale.

Included in the extra supplies are American turkey, Australian plum pudding and Canadian and Scotch whisky.

Recently, NAAFI mobile gift shops have been touring the battle front in specially designed vans so that men in action may send presents home to their families.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Enterprising Australians have organized a squad of Koreans to cut them Christmas trees from the hillsides. At Army post offices here a big rush of mail is being handled, both in and out.

For some Commonwealth, American and Allied troops, however, there will be no parcels from home this year. They are the prisoners of war in Communist camps in North Korea. Despite the long efforts of Allied peace negotiators at Panmunjom, the Communists have refused to allow the prisoners to receive Christmas parcels or even newspapers from home.

But the Chinese Communists have promised to give Christmas presents to the British troops. They recently told the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) over a loud-speaker system that "your usual Christmas presents will be put on the wire."

Last year the Chinese left a decorated Christmas tree loaded with small gifts on the barbed wire defences of the Welch Regiment.

Some troops will hold Christmas services in little shell-proof chapels which they have dug into the hillsides. — Reuter.

America Better Prepared Today, Says Mr Truman

Washington, Dec. 16.

President Truman said in a speech today that the United States is better prepared at present to face any eventuality that may confront it than it was two years ago.

He warned against any attempt to reduce its programme of building for defence.

President Truman acknowledged that the nation's military production had not been as rapid as had been expected. However, he argued that it was better to set high targets than to attempt to do only what was clearly feasible.

But while military production was less than planned, he said, production for civilian uses was better during the past two years than had been expected.

"But now," he said, "we are well along on our defence mobilisation programme. Our production of military hardware has risen to seven times what it was at the time of the Korean invasion. Even so, expansion has not been quite as rapid as we had hoped. Procurement officers and their contractors turned out to be over-optimistic in predicting how fast they could bring new models of equipment into production."

ALWAYS WISE

"While falling behind our schedules may sometimes prove embarrassing, I believe it is always wise to set high targets. They act as a spur to everyone concerned and I think you accomplish more that way in the long run than if you never set out to anything more than is clearly feasible."

"Because military production has not been as rapid as was expected we have done even better than we had expected on the civilian side.... During this period we have expanded our

A General Admonished

Washington, Dec. 16.

The American Secretary of the Army, Mr. Frank Pace, "admonished" Lieutenant-General Louis A. Pick, Chief of the Army Engineers, in connection with the construction of multi-million dollar air bases in North Africa.

Mr. Pace advised the Senate Preparedness Sub-committee of this in a letter made public today.

The Committee, after an investigation of the projects earlier this year, charged that there was widespread waste, corruption and confusion in the building of the bases.

It had urged Mr. Pace to take "appropriate action" against General Pick, whom it accused of having failed to give the full story about conditions at the bases.

At Dayton, Headquarters, a spokesman defined an "admonition" as "something in the nature of a rebuke without the strength of an administrative reprimand." — Reuter.

Backs U.N. Seat For Japan

Pakistan Argument

United Nations, Dec. 16.

The Pakistan delegate declared today that it would be a tragedy if Japan were barred from the United Nations as a member.

Mr. Hussain of Pakistan said that his country would support Japan's application for membership along with those of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

He spoke during a debate on new members before the Ad Hoc Political Committee.

He said, "It would be a tragedy if a country like Japan were barred from this organization. It is one of, if not the most, important nations in Asia. We can learn much from them."

The Committee is in the third day of a debate on the admission of members. Nineteen States have pending applications which have been blocked by the Soviet veto in the Security Council.

Mr. Hussain backed up the stand taken by the United States yesterday, supporting Japan's application and terming her a "peace-loving State."

Mr. Hussain said, "We are just where we were six years ago."

He argued that the deadlock over membership could be broken only in keeping with the United Nations' Charter provisions and that the setting up of a committee proposed by a group of Central American States to study the question would only be a waste of time.

Referring to Russia's so-called package proposal for admitting 14 applicants, Mr. Hussain suggested that they be considered individually on merits as a possible way of breaking the deadlock.

"I believe that all 14 are qualified and should be admitted," he added. — United Press.

Dismissals In East Germany

Berlin, Dec. 16.

The East German Cabinet announced tonight the dismissal of the former Supply Minister, Dr. Karl Hamann, and his State Secretary for Food, Herr Rudolf Albrecht, the East German news agency, A.D.N., reported.

Both had been suspended from office a fortnight.

The Cabinet did not confirm recent West Berlin reports that Dr. Hamann had been arrested.

Dr. Hamann was dismissed as Co-Chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party in East Germany after his suspension was announced.

Herr Albrecht was a member of the Socialist Unity Party. — Reuter.

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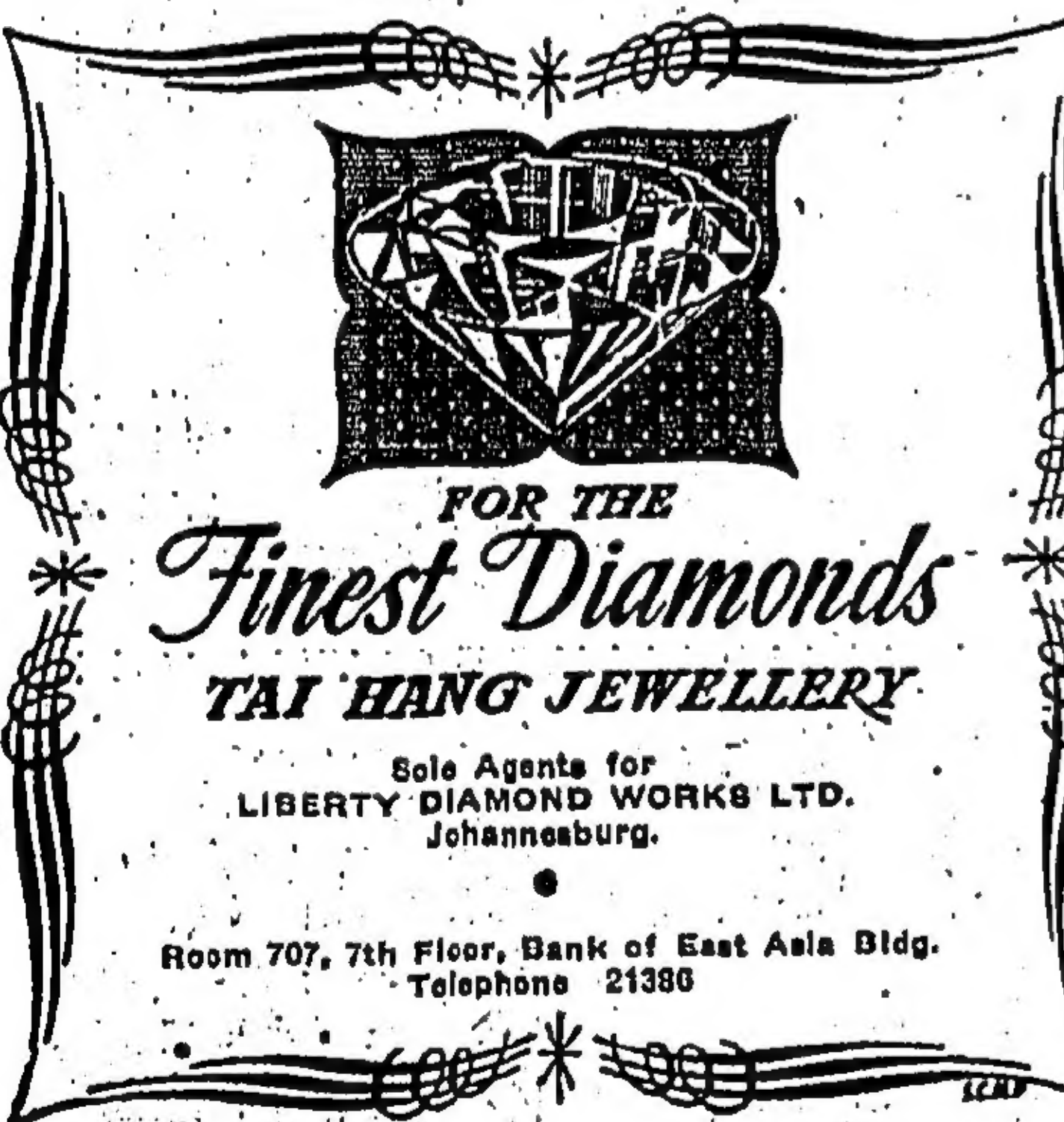


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1952. Tests so far show it to be apparently effective against certain forms of T.B.



It is time to THINK BIG ON DRUGS

WHAT has gone wrong with medical research in Britain since the war?

There have been ten major discoveries since penicillin. Run your eye again down the list above to see how important they are.

Every one of them was made first in America. Only in the case of Vitamin B12 was Britain even in the race.

This list is too long to be explained away as a succession of lucky breaks like the chance discovery which gave us penicillin.

The truth is that the Americans have got our medical scientists on the run.

They have produced so many new drugs in the last seven years that British scientists have been devoting most of their time to catching up.

As each promising U.S. drug comes out, the Medical Research Council stages huge trials to confirm the American claims.

Scores of our best doctors and scientists are switched to experiments aimed at finding out more about the drug—its precise nature, and how it works in the body.

The Government is driven to import supplies of the new drugs from America while the British researchers are catching up.

Invariably there are tragic cases being refused a drug because dollars cannot be spared to import all that is needed.

by
CHAPMAN PINCHER

This happened with streptomycin and aureomycin. It is happening now with terramycin and cortisone.

Scores of people owe their lives to the generosity of American friends who sent over free supplies of drugs which British doctors could not get.

When our manufacturing plants finally start up there will be usually royalties to pay to the U.S. patent holders. Or we have to rely on British branches of U.S. firms to build the plants—and take the profit.

There is always a long, uphill fight to compete in the export markets already dominated by the Americans, who through their enterprise, have been in at least a year ahead.

Who is to blame for Britain's backwardness in this field? The British scientists? No. U.S. experts admit that the quality of British medical science is generally better than theirs.

They attribute our decline to the fact that our scientists are not given the same chance to make discoveries as theirs.

There are far fewer medical scientists in Britain. Many of the best are working on shoe-string budgets.

SEARCH

THE Government is partly to blame for failing to invest enough money in medical research.

At the State experimental station at Clevedon, Somerset, where a search is being made for a penicillin-type drug effective against tuberculosis, there are only five scientists. Their quality is excellent; their scope pathetic.

It is in the industrial firms, however, where comparison with America shows up worst.

Since the war, the dollar shortage has restricted the sale of U.S. products here. So many British firms have found it far too easy to make profits by manufacturing U.S. discoveries under licence, or by working

out their own commercial processes from published American reports.

When economies have had to be made, laboratory investigations, which might have led to new discoveries, have been the first to be cut.

The germ-killing powers of chloromycetin, aureomycin, terramycin, and isoniazid were discovered in the laboratories of private firms in America.

In the case of streptomycin, which was discovered at a university, firms chipped in nearly one million dollars to wards its early clinical trials.

GESTURE

THE only way Britain can regain and keep the initiative in medical research is by investing a bigger proportion of money in experiments per head of the population than the Americans do.

Four British firms have just made a joint endowment at Oxford University so that a doctor can work full-time in the search for "wonder drugs." This is the right sort of gesture, but it needs repeating. A thousand times to produce quick results.

The day of the backroom discovery, like Fleming's penicillin, is passing. All the big advances are now being made by teams of scientists. And big teams of engineers are needed to race them into production.

The lesson of Britain's rapid decline in medical research applies to all fields of scientific endeavour. The surest road to discovery is through new discoveries, inventions, and ideas.

They will be forthcoming only if money is heavily invested in the laboratories and workshops now.

WHEN A MARRIAGE LASTS FOR 14,000 NIGHTS... by

Nathaniel Gubbins

"When marriage has lasted 30 years, only three marriages in 100 go wrong, and after 40 years we get down to the trivial figure of one in 100."—Beverley Baxter, reporting on the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce.

I've listened, dear, for forty years to all the things you've said. I've watched you clip your curlers on before you go to bed.

I've watched the curls throughout the years from golden grow to white. For forty years you've said "Sleep well, and don't forget the light."

For forty years you've tried to sleep before I start to snore. For forty years I've heard me gurgling behind the bathroom door. For forty years, twice twenty years, you've called to me again.

"Come down, come down to breakfast now before you miss your train."

For more than 14,000 nights, or near 2,000 weeks I've seen the face cream shining on your nose and on your cheeks.

For 14,000 mornings you have heard me breathing deep. And stretching stomach muscles when I think you are asleep.

For forty years, twice twenty years, as married bliss unfolds, we've caught each other out in lies, and caught each other's colds.

We know each thought the other thinks, each word that each will say. In any given circumstance, on any given day.

But after 14,000 nights how funny it would seem. To watch another curl her hair and smear her face with cream.

How very odd for you, my dear, to hear another's snore. A stranger's alien gangle behind the bathroom door.

Party Game

"In the event of there being an awkward silence at a party I am glad I should be glad to know of an amusing game to fill the gap."—Girl writing to a Columnist.

A PART from Musical Chairs, Blind Man's Buff, Consequences, Hunt the Thimble, Murder, Tiddleywinks, and

Strip Tease, there is a jolly game known as Animals.

"As many people believe they are good at farmyard imitations, they will be only too delighted to extend their repertoire to include the jungle."

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After explaining that a prize will be awarded for the best impersonation, of any kind, animal, the hostess should then approach each guest in turn and say: "At the word 'Go' you are a lion, you are a monkey, you are a donkey, you are a horse, and you are a pig."

She can then either overcome the awkward silence by having them all roaring, neighing, howling, and grunting together, or she can get a big laugh by whispering to all but one (the donkey) to keep quiet and allow this foolish guest to hear-haw by himself.

But hostesses should be warned that Animals is a dangerous game to play if one of the guests is let us assume an elderly aunt who has not quite caught on to the idea and is still in two minds about her will.

I can still remember an even more awkward silence at a party, and a young hostess losing a small fortune after the following conversation:—

Auntie, you're a pig. What did you say, dear? I said you're pig, dear? Did I hear you call me a pig? I mean you make a noise like a pig.

So far I've only had one small biscuit. It's only a game, auntie. We want to hear you grunt. In that case I'd better be going.

But you don't understand, auntie. I understand perfectly. You think I'm a pig and grunt like a pig. Will you kindly pass my handbag and call a taxi?

My Real Self

By Queen Lottie, the Devil Cat.

IN this eagerly awaited story of My Real Self I shall write mainly of my meeting with Manhattan Mouser, of Broadway, New York City, and how it changed the dark life of a simple, small-town girl into a glamorous adventure.

Up to the time of the meeting I had been content with the friendship of rather ordinary cats, and rumour was busy linking my name with Tibbles, a black and white female tomcat who wore a little bell round his neck to let the birds know he was coming.

It was because of this that secret, romantic meetings became impossible, and the tepid affair that had grown up between us died the moment I saw the cat of my dreams.

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Manhattan Mouser, who later told me he was King of The Ashcans (American for dustbins), seemed at least twice the size of Tibbles when I first met him, by appointment, in a moonlit garden.

I cannot describe him as handsome because he wore the honourable scars of many a battle fought in the lists of love, and both his ears were torn and flattened like the ears of an old prize fighter.

But I was fascinated by his big bones, his lithe, sinewy limbs, his magnificent whiskers and his great paws, which made mine seem like little fluttering mice when he first grabbed them, and told me I had the sweetest little chassis in the English-speaking world.

There was also something so virile and vital about The Mouser that I could not help contrasting him favourably with the small, fat, namby-pamby figure of Tibbles, who was always home by ten for his supper, who never had the courage to raid a larder and thought fighting rather vulgar.

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Of course, The Mouser was not quite the gentleman, but he was gay and daring, with a look in his eye that makes a girl feel rather helpless.

As I have promised to keep my story fit for blarney to read and toddlers to hear, I will say no more about our first meeting than this:—

Within a few minutes, The Mouser had asked me to be Queen of The Dustbins, and I, unable to refuse him anything, had consented.

Next Week The Mouser Comes to Town. I study How to Become a Queen. The Finales of The Tales.

—London, 1952.

PEACE MAY COME SOON TO THE JUNGLES OF MALAYA

By R. W. Baxter

Singapore, Dec. 16. THE heart has gone out of Malaya's Communist revolt. The bandits who took to the jungle four and a half years ago, vowing to have the Red flag waving over Singapore and Kuala Lumpur within a year, have been mostly wiped out.

Those that have survived are hungry, in rags, diseased, and despairing. They have been beaten by one of the most cosmopolitan forces ever to fight together on one front.

Today troops from Britain, Nepal, Fiji, East Africa and Rhodesia fight alongside locally trained Malay soldiers and Malay, Indian and Chinese police.

Trappers from Borneo and aborigines from the depths of Malaya's jungles hound out the Reds in the deep forests. Australian and New Zealand airmen pound their hideouts.

All the time, planes and tanks from Britain, Australia and New Zealand and their wives, keeping the Reds from their doors, pour out vital raw materials which help to keep Britain solvent.

It has been a hard road for these men and women, but the end of it seems to be in sight.

Official reports just issued show that 141 Communist "incidents" were reported last month. In November a year ago the figure was 531.

There were ten civilian casualties last month—87 in November 1951.

In large areas of the country bandit gangs are disintegrating. Only in Johore is there any real fire left in the Reds—and a Fiji battalion which arrived recently is quickly taking the sting out of that.

This is the profile of a Communist rebel in Malaya today. He is hungry, for the British have taken away the small holders who used to supply him with food—more often than not in fear of their lives. He is emaciated, covered with sores and possibly suffering from beriberi.

He is forced sometimes to exist on leaves, and in desperation occasionally holds up cars and lorries in a frantic search for anything edible.

He knows that the latest drizzle of recruits, mostly school boys, to the Communist ranks have been told that the most important thing is no longer sabotage, no longer even the capture of arms and ammunition. It is to obtain food.

He wants to surrender, and RAF planes shower leaflets into the jungle promising him good treatment if he walks into the nearest police station. He even hears loud-speakers from low-flying aircraft telling him where to go and how to get there. But he is usually terrified of the gang leaders, fanatical fighters to the last Communist, who will order his slow execution if he shows any sign of wanting to desert.

So, he stays in the jungle, hoping for a chance to slip away or even for a quick raid, so that he can desert in the confusion of battle.

The rebel is armed with old Pacific War weapons and ammunition, which is scarce and rapidly deteriorating in Malaya's intense humidity. If he draws the pin of a grenade it is a toss up whether it goes off in his hand, does not explode at all or hits the enemy.

Perhaps one or two of his gang have new weapons—a revolver taken from a planter they butchered in an ambush or a couple of rifles snatched from a murdered Malay special constable on a lonely road. But there are not nearly enough replacements in this way.

And the Navy, patrolling up and down Malaya's coasts, sees to it that no arms come in from Red China.

This is why Chin Peng, Malaya's 34-year-old Communist boss—believed to be in hiding in the dense jungle in North Johore—has ordered his shrinking forces to switch from terrorism to political infiltration, to get in among the trade unions and civil service.

But he is too late to win many converts to Communism. General Templer has seen to that. Never before has there been so much good will to Britain and the British as now.

Up to a year ago the playing of the National Anthem at cinema performances was a signal for a rush to the doors by Asians in the audience. Today the overwhelming majority stand to attention.

The reasons for the change of heart are many. Jungle smallholders who were resettled from their exposed homes in new villages have now

lost their initial surliness and are beginning to find life more pleasant than ever before. Malaya's health, education and welfare schemes are impressing even the cynics, and everyone realises that, compared with the rest of Asia, Malaya is prosperous and well-governed.

Less than a year ago there was despair and depression in Malaya. Today there is hope and confidence.

The planters give thanks to the men of a dozen nations—men like the Suffolk who have just killed their 175th Red in Malaya—and their leader General Templer.

In nine months of ceaseless travel, inspection tours, conferences on the ground and personal interviews, he has breathed the spirit of success into Malaya. The man, who promised on a dusty February afternoon at Kuala Lumpur airport that he would not spare himself in the task that lay ahead, has travelled nearly 30,000 miles in nine months to meet the people of the country and to find a solution to their many problems. In addition, he has travelled 24,000 miles to and from London for consultations.

Here in Malaya, Sir Gerald's beige-coloured Hummer is becoming a familiar sight in the towns and villages.

When he first set out on his travels nine months ago the local people ignored him, or stared sullenly. A smile might have brought a bull from a bandit. Today the villagers often line the roadside and wave a cheery greeting.

That, in itself, is an example of how far Malaya has progressed towards final victory in this vital conflict against Communism in Asia.

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POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"What do you mean 'Backless driver'?"

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Law-Abiding Steal
Dupes Slam Declarer

By OSWALD JACOBY

NOTHING delights most bridge players more than a fine deceptive play. Maybe they are played by the triumph of mind over matter, or maybe they enjoy seeing a David dish it out to a Goliath. I suspect that the most important reason is that most bridge players admire larceny for its own sake—in a law-abiding sort of way.

Whatever the reason may be, I'm sure that everybody will enjoy the beautiful deceptive play made by Eddie Lowenthal, one of New York's best players, in the hand shown today. So far it has pleased everybody who has seen it—except the declarer when the hand was actually played.

West opened his singleton diamond, dummy played the jack and Lowenthal calmly won with the ace of diamonds instead of the queen! Then he returned the ten of diamonds.

It's easy to see that South should have ruffed with a high trump, but he then can the top hearts and ruff two losing hearts in the dummy.

When the hand was actually played, however, South didn't suspect that anything unusual was being

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I DO not propose to argue with the astute people who pointed out that the announcement yesterday that there would be no opening paragraph was, in itself, an opening paragraph.

What is it?

THE first expert to be called in the case of the hen-house on wheels was Mr. Herbert Friend, a plasterer of Newham-Blaggett. He said that if the wheels were removed the hen-house would not be a vehicle.

Marginal note

WHEN I was beaten at my public school for the infringement of some rule or other there were no loud-voiced ideologues to scream about the horror of what had been done to me. Nobody even suggested that a course of psychotherapy would have been better for me. Mr. parent did not write indignant letters to the papers, or withdraw me from the school. Nor did the young huns for the rest of my life and turn me into an anti-social savage, as the novelists may imagine.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

BORN today, you have your full share of self-confidence and are usually on the side of the angels. You are apt to promise a little more than you can actually deliver, and it would be for you to shield such commitment over very carefully. You will make every attempt to follow through, but sometimes your vision does run away with your usually good, practical common sense.

There is in you a rather unusual combination of the hard-headed, practical individual and the idealist dreamer. Sometimes the two sides of your nature are engaged in a personal war with pulls and tugs in two different directions at once. You must struggle to resolve these problems.

Remember always that in this highly competitive world it is important for you to be understood.

and to be able to co-operate with others for a common cause. You have the spirit of a fighter and when you are engaged in a campaign to put across an idea, it would be for you to shield such commitment over very carefully. You will make every attempt to follow through, but sometimes your vision does run away with your usually good, practical common sense.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Some active sports or vigorous exercise will go a long way toward ridding you of a bad mood today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Do your Christmas buying now, but be practical in budgeting so that funds will go around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Confidential matters can be dealt with advantageously. Make plans for the family's future.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A good day to get your Christmas shopping done so they'll be received in time.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Best to postpone any very important decisions until next year.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be efficient with all routine work and you will find time for fun.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be efficient with all routine work and you will find time for fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Plan a party for children. You can have some real fun, too. Get the point of view of the youngsters.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Other people especially older ones may have whims and caprices, too. Give in to them.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Find time for some light reading. A change of tempo will help to release tensions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be "doubting Thomas" when it comes to listening to gossip these days. Seek out the facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Don't place too much dependence upon something you get at third hand. Find out for yourself.



The foyer—not planned for the great occasion.

The clothes they wear at a film premiere

London's smartest show—in a drainpipe setting

TODAY apart from Court functions, the most fashionable, or at least the smartest, occasion in London is a film premiere. All the world puts on its best bib and tucker and hastens there to see and to be seen.

To see and to be seen! What an irony. For owing to the modern architect's lack of social imagination and the parsimony of the people who dictate his plans, it is not possible to do either.

by JAMES LAVER

Jewellery and a very ravishing smile put all to rights.

A Hindu girl was remarkable for her jet black hair drawn away from her face in a cross between a chignon of the seventies and a modern horse's tail, held together with a black velvet bow. Over her shoulders was draped a stiff cloak of very heavy gold brocade, and underneath one caught a glimpse of a coloured silk suit with gold-thread embroidery.

One of the most interesting dresses to catch my eye was a fascinating example of the invasion of the evening mode by elements which in former ages would have been thought to belong to day wear. There was a ballet-length skirt revealing little fur-topped boots, and made of heavy, quilted material. With it was worn an evening sweater of white, ribbed jersey cuffed with a broad fringed band rather like the bertha of the early Victorian era. The wearer carried a little muff and stole matching the trimming of the boots.

THE MIRACLE

It is not the fault of the ushers. They cannot do anything else, for the foyers of cinemas were not designed to add to the social amenities of life. They are a mere corridor for a queue, and sometimes not even that. The queue can wait outside. Who cares? And what cinema in London has a staircase grand enough or wide enough to be more than a passage to one's seat?

In other words, cinemas are not planned for the great occasion and when it comes they are quite unequal to it. The miracle is that people bother to dress up at all to go to a film premiere. All that happens to them is that they pass through a drainpipe into a dark pit, where they can neither see their neighbours nor be seen themselves.

One of the most attractive toilettes I saw at my premiere was worn by a young visiting film star who had a long bob framing an almost juvenile face. She had an impressive feathered cape of silver fox, and under this a wide crinoline gown of stiff organza with a very low petal-shaped corage. The effect was perhaps a little old for her years, but the absence of

WORTH MILLIONS

One of the programme sellers—for film premieres are usually "for charity"—wore a black and white ensemble, the short duffle coat being of stiff, reversible black and white satin. Programme sellers have an unfair advantage on these occasions. They, at least, can be seen. Can one reiterate too often that there can be no consistent elegance without a platform for elegance? And can one insist too strongly that the elegance of a capital city is a national asset, an invaluable export worth millions of pounds a year? (World Copyright Reserved—London Express Service.)

A Traditional Pre-Christmas Party

"A traditional Norwegian Christmas Eve dinner was always served in my childhood home," Arlene Dahl, Hollywood film actress who is of Norwegian extraction, explained between scenes. "It started with bowls of rice—not sweet—a pat of butter in each. Then a thick heavy soup, boiled salt cod fish with butter sauce and parsley, and a vegetable. For dessert we had 'lefsse,' a round flat, potato cake.

"Here in Hollywood I'm usually invited out for Christmas dinner, so I concentrate my Christmas entertaining on a big Scandinavian smorgasbord party a week before Christmas. I always send invitations with 'Glad Tid' written on them. I have a big silver covered table—aluminum foil is fine—centered with a hog's head, red apple in the mouth, and wreathed with greens and holly. On each end of the table is a revolving plastic Christmas tree, three shining on each containing dishes of all sorts of smorgasbord delicacies. Rye crisp bread, dark bread, salads and Christmas cakes are on the table itself. We have quantities of coffee."

Pro-Christmas Smorgasbord Party

Pickled Herring Smoked Salmon
Flaked Tuna Vinaigrette
Dark Rye Bread
Rye Crisp Bread
Chopped Egg and Green Pea Salad
Potato Salad
Sliced Smoked Ham
Scandinavian Apple Cake
Coffee
Christmas Punch
Scandinavian Apple Cake
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Make 2 1/2 c. thick apple sauce and spread in a 6 pt.-sized buttered baking dish. Measure 7 tbs. butter into a bowl. Add 1/2 c. sugar, 2 tbs. lemon juice, 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, 4 oz. ground almonds, 2 beaten egg yolks and 2 egg whites whipped stiff. Spoon this over the apple sauce; bake 25-30 min. in a moderate oven, 350-375 F. Serve with whipped cream.

CARD Sense

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Diamond 1 Heart
You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-10, Hearts 9-8, Diamonds Q-J-10, Clubs A-3. What do you do?
A—Bid one spade. You will surely insist on some same game contract eventually, probably by making a jump bid at your next turn. However, your hand is not quite worth an immediate jump takeout. The simple one-over-one response is enough at this moment.

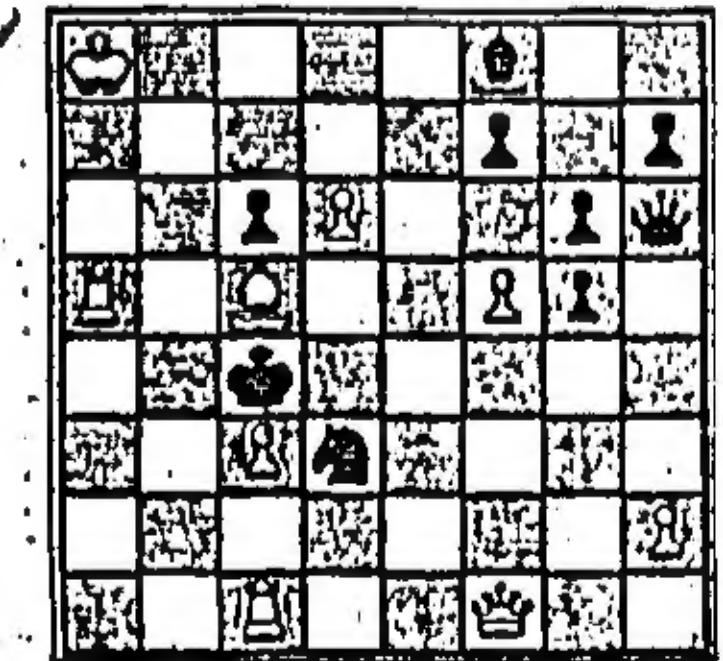
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-8-5, Hearts K-Q-9, Diamonds Q-7-3, Clubs J-6-4-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ABERBLOM
Black, 9 pieces.

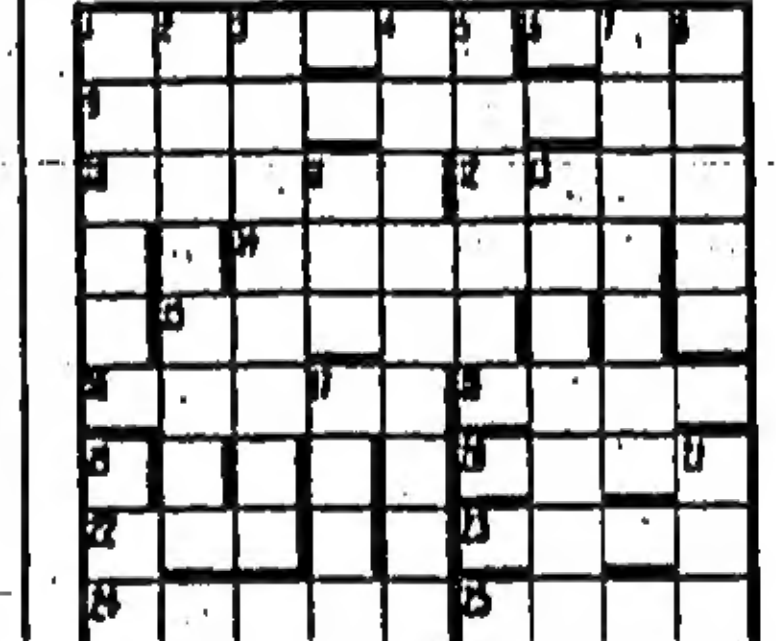


White, 9 pieces.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. K-R2, any; 2. Q, R, B, or Kt mate.

DUMB-BELLS



CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Aye Czar! (10 letters shape.) (3)
 2. Vain ruler but catholic. (9)
 3. Extraordinary about (5)
 4. Rear could be best suiton. (4)
 5. Draw off. (5)
 6. Rote a good joint. (5)
 7. Faced to el. (3)
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- Down
1. Recognized holiday period. (3)
 2. Narrative of a detached incident. (10)
 3. The Larry, lookin' (8)
 4. A large area of land. (9)
 5. Slip and take a message. (6)
 6. Look like a cleave. (7)
 7. The chosen. (5)
 8. Three-quarters of 12 across. (3)
 9. Coloured a mixture. (7)
 10. Forecaster of these errands. (4)
 11. Many recent race meetings have been. (7)
 12. Vegetable life blood. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Thursday, 1st and Saturday, 3rd January, 1953

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12 noon. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.)

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (18 in all).

Through Tickets (18 Races—\$36) also tickets at \$2 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 31st December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong or

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10 per day, including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Member's Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER WAGE AND BONUS SYSTEM UNFAIR

Says TOM FINNEY

Football directors have added another worry to an already heavy burden. In Manchester, delegates to the annual meeting of the Players' Union decided that the time has come to press for a substantial increase in the maximum wage.

The present scale is £14 in the season and £10 in the summer—which works out at £24 a year. The Union believes that this figure should be increased to £1,000. For myself I support the claim; but I can see little chance of the new maximum being incorporated into the Football law-book in the near future.

Many clubs fear that their finances would not bear the extra strain, and they will oppose the demand vigorously. "After all," they say, "the player now does not get much less than £1,000."

They reason thus:—
36 weeks at £14 £494
16 weeks at £10 £160
Average bonus (42 points) £42
Average bonus (five years) £150
10% in Provident Fund £82
Total £938

The Provident Fund share is free of income tax, so the figure is equivalent to a total of about £990. Thus, with F.A. Cup "extras," a member of a successful side could top £1,000.

But, as Union chairman Jimmy Guthrie explained, it is only one professional footballer in ten who obtains the maximum wage. Remember, though, that even this small section must exist for 16 weeks in the summer on a £10 wage; which is not exactly a luxury income. Many more players get no more than £7 or £8 a week out of season. I am certain that it is not sufficient.

NOT INCREASED
I feel that, if the Union are not successful in obtaining the £1,000 maximum, they at least will get the reward from hammering home some of the other inequalities.

This business of the summer wage is one—especially as many clubs are now calling upon players to go on long tours at £10 a week in the summer.

Another is the bonus system. A powerful case can be made out to increase substantially this £1 a point payment. An argument, equally strong, has suggested scrapping it altogether.

I say only this. When the Football League decided between the war that an incentive bonus would improve the game, they fixed the amount at a quarter of the maximum wage. But since then the wage limit has advanced from £8 to £14. Logically, the bonus for a win should have jumped from £2 to £3.10s.

But not it is not a penny more than in 1939.

My own view is that the bonus is no great Soccer asset. I disagree with managers who say that the game would be improved if wages were stabilised and the bonus increased.

They believe this would cause players to pull out a greater effort to win. I feel that if £5

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 18th December, 1952.

By Order,

H. MISA,

Secretary.

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Annual Race Meeting 1953
17th, 21st & 24th January
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2nd May, 1953

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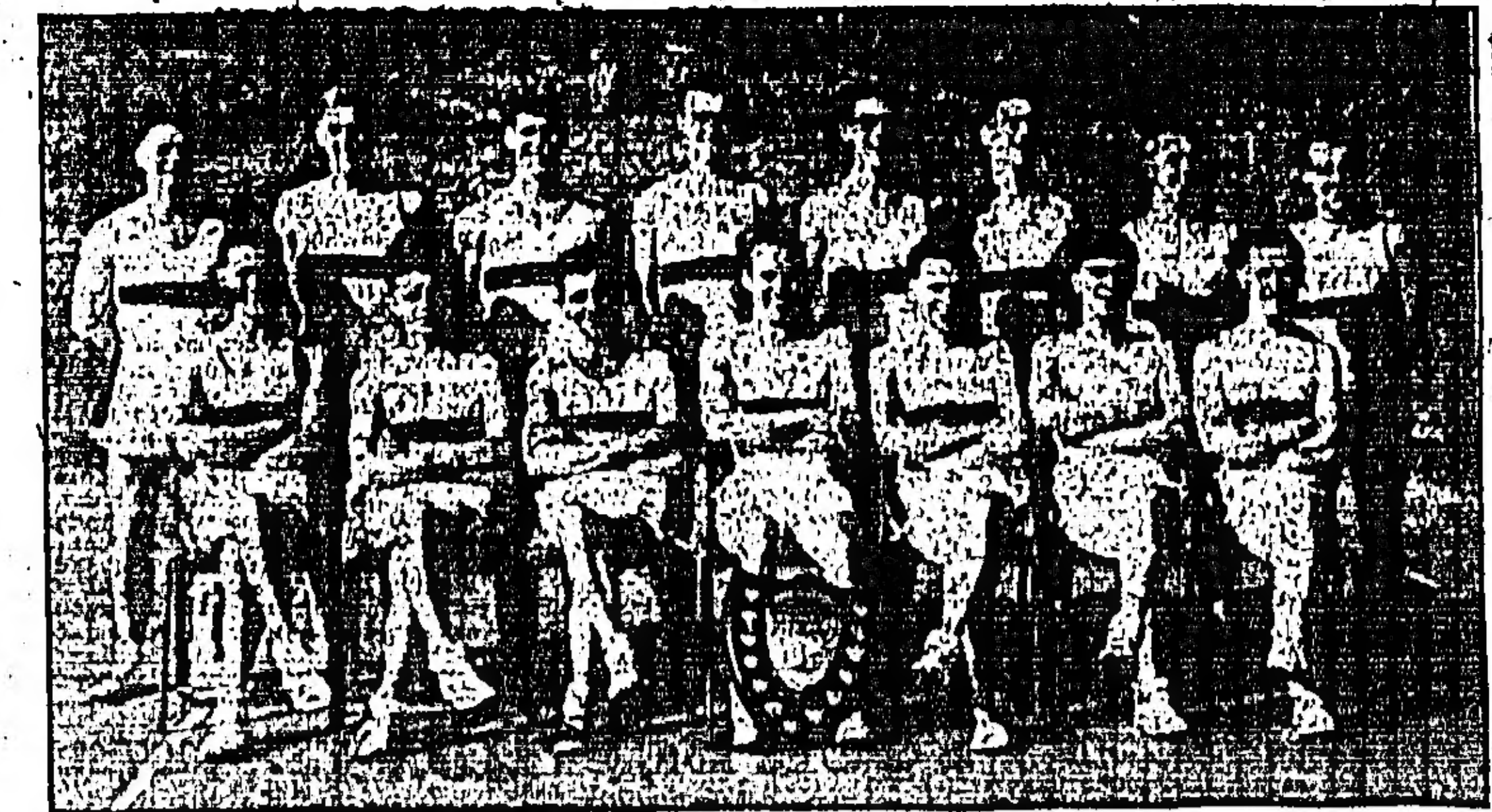
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P.T. COMPETITION WINNERS



Members of the Hongkong Signal Regiment who recently won the Annual P.T. Competition, which took place at Norwegian Farm. The H.K. Signal Regiment, although a small unit, and competing against 14 other units, came through with flying colours by also coming first in the Obstacle Course. This was an individual event and was won by Sergeant J. P. McMahon.

Captain R. C. Walker, team leader, is seated in the centre of the picture with Sergeant McMahon on his right.—China Mail Photo.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

The Test Match Tickets Rush Has Begun

The Test Match ticket rush, for the England-Australia series next year, has begun. Last month the tickets were on sale for the First Test, at Trent Bridge, in June. Within two days over a thousand top-priced seats (17s. 6d.) had been sold.

At other grounds the Test Match fever is catching the authorities unawares. At Lord's the ticket-application forms will not be printed until next year, and will not be accepted until March.

But already cheques and postal orders are pouring in. All will have to be returned. It is the same at Huddersley and Old Trafford.

Even the Oval has had a flood of enquiries for the last Test to be played in August. Secretaries cannot remember anything like it. They are arranging rationing systems, to ensure fair distribution.

IRISH GOLF DATES
The Irish Golf Union at a meeting at Dublin last month decided that the new Irish Open £3,000 Golf Championship will be played at Belfoy Park, Belfast, from July 29 to 31.

Other dates fixed by the meeting were: Irish Open Amateur—at Killarney, beginning June 19; Irish Closed Amateur—at Kosses Point, September 7.

TO RACE CARS
Geoffrey Duke, Britain's 20-year-old World Motor-Cycling Champion, has announced that he will race cars, not motor-cycles, next season.

Last month Duke was presented at the Royal Automobile Club with the Scavenger Trophy for 1951, for "the most outstanding demonstration of the possibilities of transport by land, air, or water."

In reply he said: "This will be an ideal opportunity for me to state what I intend to do next year. I have decided to forgo the major motor-cycle racing events and to try my hand on a very fine British sports car. I am afraid I am

rather a novice at motor racing, but at any rate I shall have a go." Duke will drive an Aston Martin D.B.2 or D.B.3 sports two-seater in most of the major sports car races in Britain and Europe. He drove a D.B.2 in races this year. Car experts say that he shows the same skill in a car as he does on a motor-cycle.

FAMECHON'S BID
Ray Famechon, French holder of the European Featherweight title, is to make another bid for the world crown. He is to meet Percy Bassett, the American Negro, at the Palais des Sports, Paris.

The bout was to have been staged on December 15, but the American has had to ask for a postponement owing to a hand injury.

Famechon made his previous attempt in March, 1950, when he was outpointed by Willie Pep. If he succeeds this time, his reign will be limited.

For the real World Champion, Sandy Saddler, is in the American Army, and before he was conscripted he took the precaution of "freezing" the title. He will resume it on demobilisation.

NINE CAPTAINS
Nine captains of Surrey County Cricket Club, spanning a period of 50 years, spoke at a dinner held in London last month to celebrate the County's winning of the Cricket Championship last season.

They were Lord Roseberry; D. G. Leveson-Gower; C. T. Wilkinson; D. R. Jardine; P. C. H. Fender; E. R. T. Holmes; H. M. Garland Wells; M. R. Barton, and W. S. Surridge.

The 19 players who appeared for the County in 1952 with H. Sturdivant (captain), A. Sandham (coach), and J. Tait (Masseur), received a gold watch from the club.

At the dinner it was announced that the Queen is to be the new Patron of the Club.

LOOKING AHEAD
Michael Booker is a sportsman who believes in looking ahead. Last month, Michael, a 15-year-old schoolboy, won the British men's Figure Skating title at the first attempt.

His first words on leaving the ice were "Now for the 1956 Olympics." Michael won the title by nearly a hundred points from the only other competitor, Geoffrey Duncan.

The women's title was won by Valerie Gorton, who represented Britain at the Olympic Games earlier this year.

John and Jennifer Nickle scored their sixth successive triumph in the Pairs event.—London Express Service.

Mr. A. Macdonald, who returned a card showing one up, was the winner of the Society's competition played over the week-end. Mr. R. E. Hodger, being runner-up with a 16-run score.

VICTORY CUP
All matches in the 2nd Round of the Victory Cup have now been completed, results being as follows: Marine Department received a walk-over from Glenside & Co. 10-0. China Light and Power & Co. lost to Glenside Livingstone at 19th hole.

Lowry, Bligham & Matthews beat South British Insurance Co. 4-2. R.E.M.E. lost to 7th Royal Tank Regiment 1 up.

The following are the matches in the semi-finals. These should be played by December 23rd.

Marine Department v. Glenside Livingstone & Co. 19th hole.

Lowry, Bligham & Matthews v. 7th Royal Tank Regiment.

The following matches will be played during the week-end, in addition to the qualification rounds for the Victory Cup.

China Light and Power & Co. will be played over 36 holes.

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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Woolton



THE VARSITY RUGGER MATCH

LIGHT BLUES' FIERY PACK LIVED UP TO REPUTATION

By PETER LOVEGROVE

Cambridge University found that 14 men were sufficient on December 9 to achieve what their predecessors at full strength had failed to accomplish for four successive years: victory at long last over Oxford in the Inter-Varsity rugger match at Twickenham.

The Light Blues lost their prop forward, D. J. Massey, who plays for Cheshire County, after 19 minutes with an injury to his ribs. He returned a few minutes later, collapsed soon after in a tight scrum, was helped off the field and this time took no further part in the game.

When this happened, Cambridge were a goal down and had never really been in the hunt. I was inclined to agree with a gloomy Light Blue supporter who said: "This is going to be a massacre."

We were both wrong. Cambridge resumed after the interval so full of fight that for 10 minutes they hammered the Dark Blues unmercifully. P. M. Davies kicked a superb angled penalty goal from 35 yards, and then their one good three-quarter passing movement brought a try by the right corner flag—and they had got their noses in front.

Most of the remainder of the time they spent beating back storm after storm from an Oxford side straining every nerve, sinew and artifice to regain the lead. Time and again it looked as if their defence must crack under the sustained pressure, but it held out gallantly to the very end — and Oxford's long supremacy had been broken.

TEMPTING OFFER TO SEDGMAN

Melbourne, Dec. 16.

Jack Kramer, former Wimbledon and U.S. champion, who is now a tennis promoter, intends to offer a professional contract to the Australian star, Frank Sedgman, immediately after the Davis Cup challenge round match at the end of this month.

This was disclosed today by Sedgman in a statement to the Press. Sedgman said that as yet he had received no offer to turn professional but he understood that Kramer intended to phone him immediately the Cup match was over.

Sedgman said that he hoped to make a prompt decision if and when he received a definite offer.

"Kramer has said that I will be so handsome that I will not be able to refuse it," Sedgman declared.

The United States team manager, Mr. Alrick Man, said he saw no reason why Sedgman should not help Australia to defend the trophy no matter how soon afterwards he intended turning professional.

Mr. Man added: "I am sure our team feels the same way about it. Of course it is none of our business. It is a matter for the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia."—Reuter.

"DISHONEST"

A leading Australian lawn tennis official said today that it would be "dishonest" of Australia to play Frank Sedgman in the Davis Cup Challenge Round if it was known that a few hours later he would turn professional.

"I would rather we lost the Cup," he added.

The official was commenting on Sedgman's statement to the press earlier today in which he said he expected to receive a telephone offer from Jack Kramer, former Wimbledon and American Champion, immediately after the Challenge Round.

Before the game, most people had agreed that Cambridge's strength lay in their big and fiery pack, and their greatest weakness at half-back. The seven forwards certainly lived up to their reputations: though they could only win one in three tight scrums, they dominated the line-out, were fast and alert in loose and cover, punished the Oxford halves unmercifully, and lasted a gruelling pace remarkably well.

But, nobly, as the forwards played their part, they did no better than the halves, H. P. Morgan and Tim Pearson. This was their day. Pearson always finding his partner quickly and getting the measure of his opposite number half way through the game, while Morgan closed the way down the middle, saved gallantly, and repeatedly found touch with well-placed relieving kicks.

The thirds, too, tackled as fiercely as any in the history of this great game, while full-back Peter Davies, son of a famous Glamorgan cricket professional, was competent and assured in the testing time, though he did miss a relatively easy penalty in the first half.

OXFORD STARTED WELL

The Dark Blues had started favourites, though not such good

SUGAR RAY

AGAIN

RETIRING?

London, Dec. 16.

It was reported from Paris today that Mr. George Gainford, Sugar-Ray-Robinson's manager, had told the Paris match-maker, Mr. Gilbert Benaim, that Robinson had decided not to defend his Championship.

Meanwhile Mr. Jack Solomons, the London promoter, at present on his way to Australia, had virtually arranged a Robinson-Turpin world title fight for London next June.

Mr. Solomons has stated that if Robinson retires, he will immediately match Turpin with Charles Humez of France for the vacant title, disregarding any elimination which the Americans considered staging.

Randolph Turpin, the British lightweight and middleweight Champion, is expected to relinquish his lightweight title on Saturday.

Under the British Boxing Board rules, a boxer cannot hold two titles at the same time and Turpin has been told to make a decision by Saturday as to which he will drop.

He had been given several months extension by the Board because negotiations were ending for world title fights with Sugar Ray Robinson at middleweight and Joey Maxim at cruiserweight.

Turpin's manager, Mr. Middleton, would not commit himself definitely today on what decision would be taken, but it is considered probable that Turpin will decide to retain the middleweight title.

Maxim and Moore meet for Maxim's World Lightweight Championship tomorrow. —Reuter.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

Robert Ottaway's Show Talk

THREE WOMEN WILL BE BROUGHT IN TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD

London. WHEN the all-male boxing play, *The Square Ring*, had a few rounds at Hammer-smith recently, a few faint-hearted females couldn't take it. They were ushered out—or counted out.

But John Mills saw it one night—and he's tentatively agreed to play the principal bruiser, ex-champagne Docker, in the film version, providing the script gives the character more punch than it had on the stage.

Docker is, at present, a heavyweight. John Mills, lighter and slighter, will play him as a welter.

Fisticuffs are not every woman's idea of fun. A first-class Hollywood boxing epic, *The Set-Up*, was boosted by the critics—but didn't draw the feminine customers.

So I asked Michael Ralph, working with Basil Dearden on the film version, if he's going to soften up the subject to attract the squeamish.

He told me the emphasis would be on comedy; some of the ring battles will be played for laughs. And three women will be brought into the film to lighten the load.

PLAYING IT DOWN "We want to play down the bloody side of boxing—and play up the human side."

"We hope Jack Warner and Maxwell Reed will be in it with John Mills. And George Rose will repeat his stage performance."

And the women? They are still in typescript at the moment—but it's likely that Joan Collins will go straight into *The Square Ring* after *Turn the Key Softly*. She'll be bad-girl friend to off-screen husband Maxwell Reed.

There hasn't been a British boxing film since *There Ain't No Justice*, which brought the men into the cinema and kept out their sweethearts.

It seems that the female of the species makes box-office

winners. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE MOVIE BUSINESS.

PLANNING into town recently came producer Irving Asher. He's on his way to Ceylon to prepare the ground for Eleanore Walle, to be made out there next February.

So what, you murmur? So Mr. Asher has put up a proposition to the "royal family" of Shaftesbury Avenue—that Oliver and Vivien Leigh should star in it. They'd collect about \$140,000 between them if they agree.

Snag is that Sir Laurence is still embroiled in his film of *The Beggar's Opera*, and has plans to return to his own theatre, St. James's, for a Coronation season.

So they're seeing how the schedules dovetail. At least there's no problem for Miss Leigh. She's had neither stage nor screen part for months.

NEVER GROW UP BREAKING records in the wilds of northern England and Scotland is a little film called *The Ghost Chasers*, starring the Bowery Boys, who have now turned about 30 films under that name at a rate of around five a year.

Remember the Dead End Kids, who first saw the light of day 15 years ago. Well, two of those kids, Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall, are pillars of the Bowery Boys.

But you'd hardly call them boys. Leo is 33; he's been married three times; he has a son, aged two; he's invested his shekel in real estate and a ranch. Huntz, 32 and married, is mad about the rhumba and collects jade.

These quickie-cheapies are little goldmines for the "boys." In fact, Leo would like to hand over his job to Leo, jun., 'in around 14 years' time. He thinks he can stay young that long.

REMEMBER Donald Houston, the young man who cavorted in *The Blue Lagoon* with Jean Simmons? That was his big break—and for his brother, Glynn, *Turn the Key Softly* is the same sort of milestone.

He plays the bus-conductor who puts his girl friend, Joan

Collins, on the path of virtue. Tells me he's Donald's senior by two years.

Donald had his big break before he was ready for it; he hasn't done bigger, and better things since.

I hope Glynn isn't making the same mistake. OR THAT THE RANK ORGANISATION ISN'T MAKING IT FOR HIM.

CORONATION LURE STARRING in Emilio Littler's Coronation revue next spring will be Vic Oliver and Jane Morgan. Miss Morgan is the champagne blonde from America, via Paris, who made a stir at such night spots as the Colony, then went on a Farnell tour, winding-up at the Palladium.

This revue will be her first pukka stage show. I hear that she shares one desire with practically every other American. She wants to see the Coronation.

And Emilio Littler wanted her for the show so much that he's fixing her a seat!

WHEN Renée Jeanmaire was cast for the ballerina role in Sam Goldwyn's *Hans Christian Andersen*, she had to learn English from scratch.

She asked director Charles Vidor what the English equivalent of *ice-cream* was. Said Vidor: "Say no to Goldwyn."

NOTED AT RANDOM Jean Simmons, now holiday-making with Granger in a Palm Springs bungalow, is lined up for her sixth Hollywood film. Called *Years Ago*, she'll play the young Ruth Gordon, actress-writer-producer. And her movie paw and maw will be Spencer Tracy and Teresa Wright. That makes me feel very, very old.

Said Zsa-Zsa Gabor to James Mason: "Your wife spends most of her time spreading stories about people." Said Mason to Gabor: "She just repeats what you tell her."

Latest on Mario Lanza—despite the five-million dollar suit against him, he may go back to M-G-M. next spring to salvage *The Student Prince*, the film he walked out on. He's fired his psychiatrist, too.

Michael Wilding has changed his mind. He WILL play that smallish part under Lana Turner and Ricardo Montalban in *Latin Lovers*. Why? He's been promised two important stories and a girl of his own in 1953.

Errol Flynn's next co-star will be Gina Lollobrigida. I wonder how that leaves part little Maureen Swanson, the girl who was hugged by Flynn at the airport? It seems a kiss means nothing at all these days. Not even a part.

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By Robert L. May



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Federal Reserve Report

Washington, Dec. 16.
U.S. money in circulation increased \$90,000,000 during the week ended Dec. 10. The Federal Reserve Board reported. Following is the text of the board's statement:

"During the week ended Dec. 10 member bank reserves decreased \$71,000,000. The principal changes affecting reserves were increases of \$100,000,000 in other deposits with federal reserve banks and \$90,000,000 in money in circulation. The principal offsetting changes were an increase of \$100,000,000 in reserve bank credit and decreases of \$74,000,000 in foreign deposits with federal reserve banks.

"The increase of \$100,000,000 in reserve bank credit resulted from increases of \$271,000,000 in U.S. government securities and \$161,000,000 in loans, discounts and advances, and a decrease of \$222,000,000 in federal holdings of U.S. government securities reflected increases of \$240,000,000 in bills and \$24,000,000 in certificates, and a decrease of \$2,000,000 in bonds."

EASING OF BAN PLANNED

Hongkong, Dec. 15.
The Government is planning to ease the exportation ban on dried animal hides and tallow, official sources indicated.

Lifting of the ban was proposed recently because the supply of these commodities has caught up with internal demand. Exportation of the items has been deemed desirable by Government economic officials because it would increase the flow of foreign currencies.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$203,783.80. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BAITEN	1430	25	1425
INSURANCE	775		
SHIPPING	140	155	
DOCKS, ETC.	62		
U.S. Wharf	6.42	100	6.45
Providence	12 1/2		
Whitlock	10 1/2		
(Rise)	10.00	000	10.10

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel	7.55	7.50	2000	7.50
HK Land (O)	55	55	500	55
Shai Land	11 1/2	130	1000	11 1/2
Humphreys	15 1/2	15.00		

UTILITIES

Star Ferry	115	119		
C. Light (N)	0.51	0.53	3500	0.50
C. Light (S)	0.50			
Electric	23.20	23.40	050	23.40
Macao Elec.	11.50			
Telephone	18			
(Rise)	3.00	4.10		

INDUSTRIALS

Cement	10.50	10.10		
Rope	20.50			
STONEX, ETC.				
Dairy	15.50	19	2500	16.50
Watson	23			
COTTONS				
Raw	2.25	2.35		

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	6.097
Sterling note (per £1)	16.70
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	23.50
Siam baht (per 100)	18.15
Singapore dollars	11.45
100 piastres (per 100)	11.45

Major British Export

London, Dec. 16.
Britain's exports of electrical goods are expected to reach £210,000,000 in 1952, compared with £189,000,000 in 1951. Electrical exports are one of the highest fields in which British industrialists complain of German and Japanese competition.

Banker On Britain's Plight

London, Dec. 16.
A far wider audience than the 10,000 stockholders of Barclays Bank (Dominion - Colonial and Overseas) is deserved by the speech delivered by their chairman, Mr. Julian Crossley.

Apart from giving an admirable account of the domestic affairs of the bank, Mr. Crossley offered a pithy summary of the plight in which this country has been placed by two great wars and two expenditure Socialist Governments. Everyone who has any responsibility for Britain's financial affairs should read Mr. Crossley's words.

"In only one year since the war," Mr. Crossley said, "have we 'paid our way'. We have not been on the road to recovery; on the contrary, we have been following a course which endangers further each year upon our slender reserves." In 1940 our gold and dollar reserves stood at \$2,600m; now they are reduced to \$1,085m. And in the meantime, our overseas liabilities have increased from £4,000m. to £6,000m. These figures should be read by those thoughtful optimists who have been whooping over a modest, though welcome, increase in our gold and dollar reserves. Let it be remembered that a minor recession in the United States might exhaust these reserves in a very short time. It is still in the midst of its gravest financial crisis in history; nevertheless, we are spending more today than we last year.

What are the reasons, Mr. Crossley asked, for Britain's plight? A rigidly high cost structure, he declared; a control-ridden economy which breeds waste and extravagance, and a political atmosphere in which "taxation is treated as if it were a positive virtue."

"This question of taxation," Mr. Crossley went on, "is fundamental to our problem today." It is often held that taxation cannot be reduced without encroaching upon the welfare state, and that that is politically impossible. It is time, Mr. Crossley suggested, that our rulers considered, instead, what is economically possible. "There may be nothing new," he remarked, "about the concept of the welfare state, but there is surely something novel in the idea that it can be free of cost to the individual. A bold spirit is needed to attack this formidable facade.... The abolition of one Ministry or set of controls will lead naturally to the elimination of others, until the giant structure is defeated."

—The Financial Times.

Coal Mine Project

Manila, Dec. 15.
Philippines coal resources will be tapped soon by American and Philippine engineers as part of a project to develop the coal mining industry.

Mutual Security Agency (MSA) funds—\$11,750—needed for the initial survey work have already been released by the Philippine Council for United States Aid (PHILCUSA) to the Bureau of Mines.

Drilling equipment to be used by the survey team arrived recently from Korea.

Experts estimate that 20,000,000 tons of untapped coal in the Philippines, particularly in Cebu Island, are available for modern survey equipment from the U.S. for the coal development project. Other appropriations will come from a \$25,000 counterpart fund.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Dec. 16.
Japanese bonds "A" (4% of 1950) 84 1/2
"B" (4% of 1950) 79 1/2
"C" (5% of 1950) 130 1/2
"D" (5% of 1950) 108
"E" (5% of 1950) 108
Consols 104 1/2
—United Press.

Consumption Of Rubber On Increase

World consumption of natural rubber in October at 130,000 tons was 12,500 tons more than in September.

It was only the second time this year that monthly consumption has reached 130,000 tons, the previous occasion being in March. An improvement in American consumption was the main reason.

Production was also higher in October at 155,000 tons, a rise of 27,500 tons on September. Principal reason was a sharp rise in Indonesian exports to 75,808 tons, against 31,939 in September, stimulated by a halving of the export duty on October 1.

Setting out the world rubber position, the Rubber Study Group Secretariat reports that in October Russia is estimated to have imported 3,750 tons, and China 3,500 tons.

For the first ten months of the production of natural rubber was 1,445,000 tons, while consumption was 1,200,000 tons, including estimated Russian imports of 103,500 tons and Chinese imports of 18,000 tons.

STOCKS DOWN

World stocks of natural rubber on October 31 aggregated 737,500 tons, comprising 230,000 tons in producing areas, 312,500 tons in consuming areas (excluding Government-held rubber), and 215,000 tons in float. Since January 1 last total stocks have fallen by 55,000 tons.

The Indonesian export total for October of 75,808 tons raises to 602,082 tons the aggregate for the first ten months of 1952. Rubber was held back in September, when exports were unusually low at only 31,939 tons, in anticipation of a big cut in the export duty.

The duty for the final quarter is more than halved at 19 Indonesian cents, against 41 cents in the third quarter.

It is now thought that for 1952 as a whole exports may be around 700,000 tons, compared with 704,000 tons in 1951.

SYNTHETIC OUTPUT

World production of synthetic rubber rose to 69,000 tons in October, against 65,525 tons in September, making 740,500 tons for the ten months.

Consumption of synthetic was the highest in any post-war month at 80,000 tons, the previous highest this year being 77,500 tons in March. In the ten months 732,500 tons of synthetic were used. Stocks of synthetic on October 31 were 187,500 tons, a gain of 15,000 tons since January 1.

In Washington, a spokesman for the Rubber Division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has denied rumours that the corporation is planning to cut production of synthetic rubber.

"There is nothing to it at all," he said. "In fact, we intend to increase our production of synthetic in January and February. This is well known."

Grain Prices In Chicago

New York, Dec. 16.
Chicago grains were generally lower fractionally. Wheat closed 1/4 to 3/4 lower and soybeans were 3/4 to 1/2 lower. Prices closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.30 1/2-1 1/2
December	2.30 1/2-1 1/2
March	2.27 1/2-1 1/2
May	2.25 1/2-1 1/2
July	2.23 1/2-1 1/2
September	2.21 1/2-1 1/2

Corn

Spot	1.05 1/2
December	1.05 1/2-1 1/2
March	1.03 1/2-1 1/2
July	1.01 1/2-1 1/2
September	1.00 1/2-1 1/2

Rye

Spot	1.01 1/2-1 1/2
December	1.01 1/2-1 1/2
March	1.00 1/2-1 1/2

Oats

December	0.85-0.90
March	0.85-0.90

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Dec. 16.
The tin market was "seller short" morning. Turnover was 250 tons including 35 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, 100 lbs.	1,040 1/2
January	1,040 1/2
February	1,040 1/2
March	1,040 1/2
April	1,040 1/2
May	1,040 1/2
June	1,040 1/2
July	1,040 1/2
August	1,040 1/2
September	1,040 1/2
October	1,040 1/2
November	1,040 1/2
December	1,040 1/2

AMERICAN FOREIGN TRADE POLICIES

Washington, Dec. 16.
Republican leaders agree that the new Republican Congress will extend the new reciprocal trade programme but possibly with light new restrictions.

Supporting Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee said there is no question but that the programme will be continued beyond June 12, 1953, the expiration date.

Mr. Sinclair Weeks, Boston manufacturer, who will be Secretary of Commerce in Cabinet, gave some indication that changes would be made.

Mr. Weeks said: "We must not carry the reciprocal trade treaties to a point where they have damaging effects on American industrial products."

He added: "You can't keep cutting tariffs if it affects great industries," and said he favoured the so-called "escape" clause in trade agreements.

The Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act, initiated by the then Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in 1934, grants the Administration authority to enter into an agreement with other nations to lower import duties.

The idea behind the programme in its initial phase was to help relieve the worldwide depression by building up commerce between the nations. In the last 17 years, spokesmen for some domestic industries have complained that the low import duties were making it impossible for them to meet foreign competition.

—United Press.

U.K. Steel Output A Record

London, Dec. 16.

Steel output last month beat all records. At the rate of 17,951,000 tons a year it surpassed by a big margin the previous record set up two years ago before output began to fall off because of the shortage of scrap and other materials.

An upsurge of industrial production is now expected.

The scarcity of steel and the recession in textiles caused the output of British industry to fall in the first ten months of this year to 3 1/2 per cent below the 1951 level.

This decline was checked in October, when production is estimated to have been back to what it was last year.

Some of the extra steel will be used to modernize British industry, and the Government have started to issue more building licences for new factories.

More steel for shipbuilders is expected in the New Year, and more for the metal-using industries, under Government pressure to expand exports.

EXTIN PLANT

It is hoped that before long the need for steel rationing will disappear.

The spectacular rise in production is due to the industry's £300,000,000 development plan—started in 1948 and to be completed next year—and measures taken to overcome shortages of materials.

Most of the new steel-making plant is now in operation. To make good the shortage of scrap the industry stepped up the output of pig iron by increasing the production of home ore and searching the world for new supplies.

There is good news, too, from the shops. Sales of consumer goods began to pick up in October, and the Board of Trade reported that a period of greater stability in retail trade appears to have begun.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 16.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber	83 1/2-84
Number 2 rubber	83 1/2-84
Number 3 rubber	83 1/2-84
Number 4 rubber	83 1/2-84
Spot rubber, unbleached	83 1/2-84
Blanket crepe	104-105
No. 1 pale crepe	104-105

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 16.
Prices of rubber futures closed today 30 to 70 points lower with sales totalling 59 contracts. Prices closed today as follows:

March	28.40
May	27.80
July	27.20
September	26.60
December	26.00
March	25.40
Spot	30.25

LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 16.
The rubber market was quietly steady today. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in pence	20 1/2-21
Number 2 rubber	20 1/2-21
Number 3 rubber	20 1/2-21
Number 4 rubber	20 1/2-21
Spot rubber, unbleached	20 1/2-21
Blanket crepe	20 1/2-21
No. 1 pale crepe	20 1/2-21

Approval Given To Exports

Manila, Dec. 16.
Shipment of \$145,000 worth of embroidered materials to New York has been approved by the Government export control committee.

Also approved were exports of hemp to Kobe (Japan), Rotterdam (Holland), Durban (South Africa), the U.S. and London; mother of pearl shells to Los Angeles; tobacco leaf to Antwerp (Belgium). — Associated Press.

Cotton Purchases

Cairo, Dec. 16.
The Cabinet today authorised the Finance Ministry to purchase the balance of last year's cotton stock from traders if they want to sell. This is in addition to the entire cotton crop this year, which the Government is buying.

—United Press.

Planting Drive In Malaya

Worn-Out Trees To Be Replaced

Singapore, Dec. 16.
The Malayan Government is soon putting into operation a scheme which might eventually offer American synthetic the stiffest competition from natural rubber.

The drive, involving the cutting down and replanting of millions of acres of rubberland, is due to begin on Jan. 1, 1953. Much of Malaya's rubberland is past the stage of normal production.

In a broadcast talk, A. C. Smith, chief replanting officer of the Rubber Industry Replanting Board, said:

"We maintain that a good measure of prosperity for all producers can be achieved by producing more rubber cheaply and selling it at lower prices."

"Not only can they obtain the same total income under these conditions, but the uses of rubber will be greatly expanded if it can be produced and sold cheaply. This is even more important now that natural rubber has to compete with the American synthetic product," he declared.

And the backbone of the scheme is the replanting of old worn-out rubber trees with high-yielding varieties.

GIGANTIC SCHEME

Smallholders who now tap no more than 25 pounds of latex per acre from their worn-out trees will be tapping three, four and five times that quantity from the high-yielding rubber.

Millions of dollars will have to be spent on this gigantic scheme. But the money has been put by over the years. It was paid by rubber exports in the form of cess to the Government.

As producers begin chopping away acre after acre of their smallholdings and estates, they can apply for grants from the Government to pay the labouring costs and make up lost income.

Replanting officers, all of them experts, are to be posted in every State and settlement. They will have trained staffs under them, who will advise producers.

Every producer, large and small, will have to conform to the scheme. It is a law which, under the name of the Rubber Industry Replanting Ordinance, 1952, was passed a short while ago.

—Associated Press.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS To

"ROYAL"	Dec. 18	Japan
"BOISSEYAN"	Dec. 23	Japan
"TJIMENTENG"	Dec. 28	Japan
"TJAWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYS"	Jan. 7	Manila, Singapore, Djakarta, Macassar, Penang & Belawan
"TJIMODAS"	Jan. 12	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"VAN RUTTEN"	Jan. 17	Singapore, Penang & Belawan
"TJAWANGI"	Jan. 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIMALENGKA"	Jan. 27	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya &

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NIGHTMARE

SHE sat silent and alone upon the wooden bench, a forlorn, small figure, a little girl of 11, hatless, wearing a warm blue winter coat. Her name was Ann.

The austere room in which Ann sat would have made poor quarters for a child at the best of times. The floor was harsh stone-grey, the drab walls pictureless and unrelieved by windows; and for Ann this was not "the best of times"; it was the worst, the very worst, ever.

It was the latest chapter in a nightmare that had started when Ann, the day before, had gone shopping with her mother. Things that at first were incomprehensible to the child had happened on that morning; but gradually she came to understand. Her mother had been accused of stealing from a shop.

SO, on this morning, Ann had come with her mother to this gloomy, grey, frightening building called court, in Great Marlborough Street, and this time, Ann's father had come with them.

Now Ann sat alone, dry-eyed, very pale, swallowing hard, staring at the stone floor, imagining awful things. Grown-ups passed up and fro continually, but few glanced at the child, for most who come and go across the ante-room at Great Marlborough Street have problems enough of their own on their minds, without worrying over other people's troubles.

DIET APPROVES BUDGET

Tokyo, Dec. 17. The Diet lower house last night passed the Government's supplementary budget by rejecting an opposition amendment by 239 votes to 197.

The bill now goes to the upper house, which will start debating it today.

The passage of the Budget means that the Yoshida Government is certain to remain in power at least until the new year.—Reuters.

Coal Miners Return To Work

Tokyo, Dec. 17. Japanese coal miners began returning to work today after the Government last night invoked the emergency Adjustment Law to end their 61-day-old strike.

Earlier this morning the Miners Central Struggle Committee accepted a wage offer proposed by the Central Labour Relations Board giving them a seven per cent wage increase, an incentive allowance and a temporary allowance of 5,000 yen (25).—Reuters.

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Tribute To Duchess Of Kent

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said, made an "inestimable contribution to the unity of the Colonial territories."

When the Duchess rose to reply, the 150 guests, led by Mr. Churchill, stood and cheered her.

The Duchess expressed her gratitude and that of her son to the governments and people of the territories she had visited for the "truly generous hospitality and kindness which they extended to us throughout this most memorable tour."

It was, she said, a most fascinating and enjoyable journey.

She continued: "When I received the invitation to go to Singapore I was delighted to accept it as I had always wanted to see that city whose importance to the Commonwealth is so great; and I am especially proud to think that a city of which I had heard so much has honoured me with its freedom."

"When subsequently it was proposed by the Government of the Federation of Malaya and of Singapore, Brunei and Sarawak that I should extend my travels and visit those countries I was only too glad to do so for I had often heard of their enchantment and beauty from my husband, who as a young man served with the Royal Navy in Far Eastern waters."

"I am sorry that the time at my disposal did not permit me to spend longer in all these places and that in consequence I was unable to go to a number of settlements and towns of importance."

LOYALTY TO CROWN

"Mr. Lyttelton has said something of the affection which peoples of all races throughout the Commonwealth feel towards the Queen, and I would like to confirm that this loyalty and devotion to the Crown and to the great family of nations which it represents was what impressed me most profoundly wherever I went—one was conscious of the great tide of feeling everywhere spontaneously expressed—and that was something that I found deeply moving and indeed remarkable at this time of material change and spiritual unrest."

"I should like to say something of the gratitude and admiration which I feel—and which I am sure is shared by all of you—towards the men and women of many races who in these far countries are giving their utmost—and in some cases their lives—to repair the havoc brought upon them by war and to rebuild the fabric of just and ordered government so tragically shattered by an alien and ruthless domination."

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I dropped in to give you an idea, George! All the girls in my club would be grand insurance prospects for you—they're always banging up their fenders!"

Jury Finds Man Not Guilty Of Murdering Woman

Wong Wah-yau, aged 31, unskilled labourer, accused of the murder of his foster mother, Wong Ngan, 69, was unanimously found Not Guilty by an all-male Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The Jury retired for twenty minutes to consider their finding.

Discharging the accused, Mr. Justice Reece, Puisne Judge, said, "The Jury have found you not guilty. I must say that on the evidence I entirely agree with that verdict and you are, therefore, discharged."

His Lordship thanked the Jury on behalf of the Colony for their services and exempted them for a period of three years.

Wong Wah-yau was alleged to have fatally wounded the woman on the rooftop of Nos 478-480 Lockhart Road, Wan-chai, on September 3. It was alleged that after a quarrel he picked up a "treble" bench and struck the woman with it causing injuries from which she later died in the hospital.

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Local Printing Press, Ltd Announces Increased Profit

Chief points of interest in the Chairman's speech at the annual meeting of the Local Printing Press Ltd held this morning were the fact that the Company's net profit, including property rentals, amounted to \$1,126,219, allowing for a dividend of \$2, and the prediction that the new building on the site at No. 1, Duddell Street would be completed and ready for occupation by the middle of next year.

Addressing shareholders, Mr. E. W. Bradbury, the chairman said: "Again it has been a year of further marked achievement and progress for your Company. The net profit, including property rentals is \$1,126,219.23 which, together with \$83,400.49 carried forward from last year, leaves \$1,209,709.72 available for appropriation. This increase in Profit is particularly gratifying as Profit Margins in the printing trades have been reduced considerably during the year, so that the improved results are due entirely to an expansion in the volume of work carried out, including substantial new business from overseas and a full year's rentals from our property. The Dollar Directory has proved a profitable acquisition. We may fairly claim that it is the leading Directory of its kind in Hongkong and we are making continuous efforts to improve its usefulness to the Community."

At the last Board Meeting I referred to our purchase of the site known as "Caxton House" No. 1 Duddell Street. It was our original intention to build our new premises here in two parts, in order to accommodate the tenants already in the building, but as the result of some space being "Printed House" being released by previous occupiers we have been able to accommodate all these tenants in "Printed House". This has made it possible to undertake the construction of the new building in one operation. The piling has been completed and work began on the main structure about a month ago; we hope to have the building completed about the middle of next year. We are making provision on the ground floor for Bank premises, shipping offices or the like and there will be extensive office accommodation on the upper floors, for which we already have a list of prospective tenants. It is a trust that when completed it will be a valuable contribution to the problem of this type of accommodation in the centre of the town.

SATISFACTORY PROFIT

Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd., whose accounts are made up at the 31st December, had a busy year in 1951 and made a satisfactory profit, the whole of which we decided to retain in the business so that no Dividend was paid to the Parent Company.

Turning to the Balance Sheet you will note that under Fixed Assets we have shown the cost of land and the cost of building separately and the figure for land now includes the purchase price of No. 1 Duddell Street. The Fixed Capital now stands at \$20,380—reflecting the Capitalisation of \$80,180—of the General Reserve, which was authorised at the last Extraordinary General Meeting, while the total Shareholders' Funds have risen by just over \$300,000.

Supreme Court Dock Dismantled

The dock in the Second Court in the Supreme Court building has been dismantled.

It was officially learned today that for some years the dock had been considered cumbersome, its height preventing spectators in the public gallery behind from watching proceedings.

STILL BELOW AVERAGE

Heavy overcoats, mufflers and gloves are less frequently seen on the streets now that the cold snap has been broken. The temperature at the Meteorological Office, Kai Tak, stood at 58 degrees Fahrenheit this morning, an increase of ten degrees compared with last week's minimum.

However it still is rather cool for this time of the year, the normal temperature being 63 degrees.

Forecast for today: cloudy, getting cooler in the next 24 hours.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Story—Said the Cat to the Dog (BBC); The Fun Fair (Play for children by Martin Armstrong); 6.30 Forces Bandstand (BBC); 6.45 Concert by the Band of the 1st Battalion, The Welsh Regiment Conducted by Mr. R. A. Verrall; By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, R. Col. H. H. Deane; 7. Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, The Paduan Quartet; 7.30, St. Louis School Choral Group (Concert Hall); Conducted by Franklin Hughes; 7.45, Variety Report; 8. Lucky Dip—Variety Report; 8.15, Variety Report; 8.30, Variety Report; 8.45, Variety Report; 9.00, Variety Report; 9.15, Variety Report; 9.30, Variety Report; 9.45, Variety Report; 10.00, Variety Report; 10.15, Variety Report; 10.30, Variety Report; 10.45, Variety Report; 11.00, Variety Report; 11.15, Variety Report; 11.30, Variety Report; 11.45, Variety Report; 12.00, Variety Report; 12.15, Variety Report; 12.30, Variety Report; 12.45, Variety Report; 1.00, Variety Report; 1.15, Variety Report; 1.30, Variety Report; 1.45, Variety Report; 2.00, Variety Report; 2.15, Variety Report; 2.30, Variety Report; 2.45, Variety Report; 3.00, Variety Report; 3.15, Variety Report; 3.30, Variety Report; 3.45, Variety Report; 4.00, Variety Report; 4.15, Variety Report; 4.30, Variety Report; 4.45, Variety Report; 5.00, Variety Report; 5.15, Variety Report; 5.30, Variety Report; 5.45, Variety Report; 6.00, Variety Report; 6.15, Variety Report; 6.30, Variety Report; 6.45, Variety Report; 7.00, Variety Report; 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